

MINUTES  
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING  
17 November 2007  
Coast Guard Island, Alameda CA

The meeting was called to order at 1030 by DCO Victor Connell. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR called the roll, and DCO Connell declared that a quorum was present. The attendance list is attached to these minutes as Attachment 1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Connell called for approval of the 15 September 2007 minutes. Angelo Perata, RCO reported that the correct subscription for *Soundings* magazine is \$13.97.

Motion: Angelo Perata, RCO moved and Fran Fisher, P-PCA seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

DCO Connell called for approval of the 17 October 2007 minutes.

Motion: Pat O'Leary, DCP-12 moved and Phil Sanchez, DCP-5 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DCO Connell made the following announcements:

- The District acknowledges and thanks all Auxiliarists who assisted with oil spill cleanup.
- N-Train will be the last week in January. DSO's who will receive orders to attend are PA, PE, PS, MS, MT and the ASC
- Elected officer training will be on the Sunday following the January district meeting.
- D-Train 2008 will be in March and will be held at Modesto CA.
- D-Train in 2009 and 2010 will be at Rhonert Park CA and will be hosted by Division 5.
- Irene Wetzel is the new DSO-CS. She is doing an outstanding job with the web page. Members are encouraged to check it frequently. It has a plethora of information.
- The first electronic version of the *Northwind* has been published and is available from the district web site. George Knies, DSO-PB will be looking for more good articles and information for upcoming editions.
- The district store will be taking e-mail and phone orders for merchandise as of now.

Report on the National Flag Conference –

- ISAR will no longer be held. It was too costly for both the US and Canada. We will be doing an NSAR next year, probably around October. Each district will be encouraged to send a team. Therefore, we will host a DSAR within the district, the same as this year's DSAR. Each division will be encouraged to send a team to the DSAR.
- The CC program has gone away; however there is an Academy Partners program which is now ongoing. Jerry Townsend will chair that program in the district.

DCO Connell presented gifts of appreciation to the following outgoing DSO's:

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR  
Mike Ungersma, DSO-PE  
Irene Wetzel, CRC

## GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

DCP Connell and CDR Chareonsuphiphat presented the first RBS Awards in the district to the following:

Nick Tarlson, Division 1  
Arthur Park, Division 1  
Robert Anthony, Division 3  
Charlie Duncan, Division 3  
Gordon Robbins, Division 3  
Dan Weegeland, Division 3  
Daniel Lavi, Division 4  
Jimmin Chang, Division 4  
Gary Murray, Division 5  
Jim Blackburn, Division 5

Milton Entwistle, Division 6  
Jim Zocchi, Division 7  
Mike Lauro, Division 10  
Joseph Madden, Division 10  
Anthony Leonardi, Division 10  
Barbara Leonardi, Division 10  
Marion Rider, Division 10  
Phillip Grove, Division 10  
Martin Crowningshield, Division 12

CDR Chareonsuphiphat introduced Rachel Zamora, the new Yeoman in the DIRAUX office.

DCO Connell and CDR Chareonsuphiphat presented the National Commodore's award for highest number of chart updating credits to Jim Duncan, DSO-AN representing the work of District 11NR.

ATON program chart-updating program Certificates of Honor were presented to:

Nick Tarlson  
Alex Rider  
Robert McCaw  
Linda Haynes

Jim Duncan  
Flotilla 11-05  
Flotilla 12-91

DCO Connell reported that at ISAR the District 11NR team took 4<sup>th</sup> Place. The overall towing first place award went to the CAN/AM team, of which Mike Nolan was a member.

DCO Connell commended Nick Tarlson for his work in processing awards to Auxiliary members, as chairman of the Awards Committee.

CDR Chareonsuphiphat, assisted by COMO Eric Jacobsen, Mike Williams, VCO and CWO Ken Frost, OTO, presented the Auxiliary Commendation Medal to DCO Vic Connell for his work as a volunteer at the Petaluma California Medical Clinic and the Coast Guard Academy, and for the work he accomplished which won District 11NR the Innovations Award for administrative training.

DCO Connell, assisted by CDR Chareonsuphiphat, swore in the following district staff officers:

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS  
Roger Haynes, DSO-PE  
William Correll, DSO-PV  
Larry Olsen, DSO-AV

Randy Powers, ADSO-MA  
Nelda Powers, ADSO-MA  
Arlan Christle, ADSO-MA

## DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Connell called for district board reports as follows:

Stephen Salmon, DCP-1 – Report on file (Attachment B). Bob Hendry is DCP(e). The division has finished the last part of its strategic plan by completing recruiting and retention programs for all of the flotillas. Patrol hours and VSCs are better this year than last year. Salmon encouraged members to take HAZWOPER training when available.

Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division has just wrapped up the last of four OPTREXs. These events were hosted by some great flotillas. They are already planning next year, with perhaps another four OPTREXs. The division is still working on installing new docks at the Sacramento Radio 1 facility.

Michael Nolan, DCP-4 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division has had three members involved with commercial vessel inspections. Judy Esteban is DCP(e).

Phil Sanchez, DCP-5 – Report on file (Attachment B). Two members of Division 5 worked at the command post of the oil spill. They report that it was a great experience. Sanchez attended all of the flotilla elections. The Coxswain Academy is working well, with seven participants. The Division COW will be 5 January. Division 5 is proud to extend its hospitality to the district for D-Trains in 2009 and 2010.

Rodney Collins, DCP-6 – Report on file (Attachment B). All of the flotillas have had their elections. The Division COW is on 18 November. They have three new coxswains in the division and six new crew members. On-the-water assists were up from last year. The division also held more MT classes this year than last year. Marine dealer visits have also increased.

Mart Gardner, DCP-7 – Report on file (Attachment B). Dick Hoelle is DCP(e). The Division COW was held on 10 November. COMO Eric Jacobsen and CDR Dave Chareonsuphiphat attended.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8 – Report on file (Attachment B). The Division COW will be on 26 January. Flotilla elections have been completed. The Clear Lake tie-out was successful.

Alex Rider, DCP-10 – Report on file (Attachment B). Monica Eaton is DCP(e). Division 10 was third in the nation with number of VSCs completed.

John Boyne, DCP-11 – Report on file (Attachment B). DeeDee Kincade is DCP(e). On November 7 Stn Lake Tahoe held qualification training for MSD900 suits. The Division COW was held on 9 November on board the *MS Dixie*. COMO Eric Jacobsen and CDR Dave Chareonsuphiphat attended.

Pat O'Leary, DCP-12 – Report on file (Attachment B). Roger Haynes is VCP(e). Haynes was commended for his work in the OPS requal program for the division. O'Leary recognized the work of Linda Haynes as D-AD/H. The division presented two new AUXOP certifications.

Frances Fisher, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment B). There will be an election meeting of PCA at the lunch break. New DCPs are reminded that they are eligible for PCA membership after 6 months of service.

Jimmin Chang, RCO-MS – Report on file (Attachment B). Chang commended Knies for an excellent newsletter. Chang encouraged DSO's to submit articles to Knies for the newsletter. Chang acknowledged the great work of Irene Wetzel in getting the web page going. Chang summarized oil spill incident lessons learned. We need to have the right people and skills when an incident happens. We need to recruit and retain members with special skills who can be used when incidents happen.

William Kinsey, RCO-OMS – Report on file (Attachment B). The Incident Response Procedures guide is being reviewed and distributed to EXCOM this day. Kinsey has turned his files over to Salmon as incoming RCO-OMS. Kinsey reviewed areas of opportunity to assist the Coast Guard, including some that are in the administrative and PA area.

Angelo Perata, RCO-RBS – Report on file (Attachment B). Perata encouraged better communications. Perata asked all DCP's to nominate a NSBW Chairman right after the first of the year, so he can meet with them early.

COMO Eric Jacobsen, IPDCO – Jacobsen attended Divisions 7 and 11 COWs, which both have new DCPs.

Michael Williams, VCO – Commended the new DCPs for their willingness to serve. He emphasized the importance of retention of members and keeping them active. Outgoing DCPs were encouraged to get with their replacements and prepare them with information on the proper uniform for the training session in January.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – Reported on the D11 officers' conference, and the fact that the Auxiliary platform is changing. We need to embrace it. DCO Connell is representing the district very well. We have a very diverse district, and we do a lot of great things. CDR Chareonsuphiphat reviewed some of the activities in which D11N Auxiliarists have been involved this past year. The *Eagle* will be coming to San Francisco in July 2008. George Knies is working on ways the Auxiliary can be involved with that visit.

CWO4 Kenneth Frost, OTO – NSAR will replace ISAR in 2008. It will be held at Cape May, NJ or Corpus Christie, TX. All districts will provide a 3-member team. Therefore we will hold a DSAR. All divisions are invited to send a team. More information will be forthcoming. Each division should have a rescue dummy now. If your division doesn't have one, contact Frost. There is a change to the NavRules requirement. The requirement now will be on an anniversary date, not a calendar date. The open book exam can be taken on line. There are 67 crew and 52 coxswains who will be in REYR on 31 December if nothing changes. 49 crew and 22 coxswains are without their QE requal. For getting out of REYR, when the task is completed, DIRAUX must be notified. It does not happen automatically.

Recess: 1135

Reconvene: 1245

Michael Williams, VCO called for District Staff Reports as follows:

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

James Duncan, DSO-AN – Report on file (Attachment C). Five divisions have completed 100% of their tasks. Overall, the district has 90% completion at this time. Duncan recounted a chart updating situation with respect to the Salmon Tail bridge. The RACON was not charted where its actual location is. This is what we do. The detail is often where the problem is. There will be an ATON workshop on 2 February 2008. Duncan introduced Richard King, ADSO-AN, who has just returned from CG boot camp.

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – The aviation squadron has 5 helos and 5 fixed wing aircraft in the unit. They anticipate 2 or 3 more will be on line soon. They are patrolling 2-3 missions/week. This will soon increase to 4. The squadron is getting acquainted with the new personnel at the air station, and will be doing more with them this next year.

Larry Olson for Randy Parent, DFSSO – The squadron has a very good record. They had only one slight mishap when one plane lost power on takeoff and the pilot had to set it down quickly. There was no damage.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Excused. Report on file (Attachment C).

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Wetzel is looking forward to working on the web page. The web site is for communicating, and her goal is to have all missions on the site. PE is now under development. VE and PV are not there yet. Wetzel would like to have all member services officers put their information on the web page. There will be a class on web making at the PCA fair.

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file (Not attached due to confidentiality). Fisher asked all EXCOM and DSOs to get their reimbursement requests in before the end of the year.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – The NavRules request will be changing to an anniversary date on 1 January. If input for the 2008 IT workshop was done before 15 November, it needs to be re-input in order to show the proper credit.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – Report on file (Attachment C). This is the time to look at division and flotilla standing rules and make sure they're up to date. Firehock will be at the elected officers training for a presentation and to answer any questions.

Steve Ward, DSO-MA – Report on file (Attachment C). As of tomorrow (18 November) we will take phone and e-mail orders for supplies. Send e-mail requests to [morien50@yahoo.com](mailto:morien50@yahoo.com) or telephone 408-230-9404. Ward asked Ed Sweeney to send this announcement to everyone via e-mail. There will be a catalog on the web site soon. Orders will be sent with a statement of amount due.

Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS – Report on file (Attachment C). Sector SF would like a list of people who are active in prevention/MS areas. The information in AUXDATA is not complete. HAZWOPER training will be at the PCA fair. There are also several specialty courses that are available in this area. We have audited all ferry traffic areas except Angel Island.

COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT – Maddox explained use of the electronic test center. Users must have a valid e-mail address; create password, and then follow the instructions. AUXSCE class materials will not be available on 1 January 2008, as promised by National. However we will be doing it at the PCA fair. Elected officer training will be for FCs, and DCPs, who will be funded. Other members are invited, but are not funded.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file (Attachment C). AUXDATA REYR reports were generated for each flotilla and have been given to their DCPs. 1% of the boats checked at Southern California checkpoints were quarantined because of the presence of quagga mussels. The operations chart in the report does not include hours for the whale operations.

Edward Sweeney, DSO-PA – Report on file (Attachment C). The big item is the assistance of the Auxiliary in the joint PA center during the recent oil spill incident. The media interest is ratcheting down, so not as much assistance is needed. For new PA staff officers, there is a lot of training available through National. Check out the list on the web page.

George Knies, DSO-PB – Report on file (Attachment C). Thanks for all of the photographs that have been sent. The next issue will be in January, and it is currently a work in progress. Knies already has 3 articles, but is always looking for more. Get your articles in right away.

Michael Ungersma, DSO-PE – The 2008 IT workshop is now available for download. It can be done in ½ hr to 45 min. There is a new PE book – *Sailing Skills and Seamanship*. With all of the sailboaters, there should be a good market. The books aren't available yet. The ABC course is becoming ABS next year. Same course, just a different name. Next week is the last week to input class info to be considered in awards. The recent Boats 'n Kids program was cancelled because of the oil spill. There will be one on 5 January. Contact Brigetta Nicolai for information.

Richard Thomas, DSO-PS – Absent

Phil Grove, DSO-PV – Excused. Report on file (Attachment C).

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR – Nothing to report.

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file (Attachment C). Lauro is glad to see the RBS award to recognize members for their work. VSC awards have been distributed to the DCPs. The 2008 VSC decals won't be available until mid-December.

Irene Wetzel, CRC – Report on file (Attachment C).

Mark Mushet, DDA – Absent

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1330.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is Wednesday, 19 December at 1900 PST.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

## ATTACHMENT A

### ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 17 November 2007

#### DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Vic Connell  
Mike Williams, VCO  
Jimmin Chang, RCO  
Bill Kinsey, RCO  
Angelo Perata, RCO  
COMO Eric Jacobsen, IPDCO  
CDR David Chareonsuphat, DIRAUX  
Steve Salmon, DCP-1  
Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3  
Mike Nolan, DCP-4

Phil Sanchez, DCP-5  
Rod Collins, DCP-6  
Mart Gardner, DCP-7  
Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8  
Alex Rider, DCP-10  
John Boyne, DCP-11  
Pat O'Leary, DCP-12  
Fran Fisher, P-PCA/DSO-FN  
CWO Ken Frost, OTO

#### DISTRICT STAFF:

Jim Duncan, DSO-AN  
Larry Olson, DSO-AV/ADSO-LP  
Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS/CRC  
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS  
Robert Firehock, DSO-LP  
Steve Ward, DSO-MA  
Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS  
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP  
Ed Sweeney, DSO-PA  
George Knies, DSO-PB  
Mike Ungersma, DSO-PE  
Joyce Bell, DSO-SR  
Mike Lauro, DSO-VE  
Linda Haynes, D-AD/H

#### GUESTS:

Monica Eaton, VCP-10/DCP-10(e)  
Peter Kyril, VCP-6  
Dick Hoelle, DCP-7(e)  
Judy Esteban, DCP-4(e)  
DeeDee Kincade, DCP-11(e)  
Bob Hendry, DCP-1(e)  
Roger Haynes, ADSO-PE/CS  
Dan Tinney, ADSO-PS  
Gary Murray, ADSO-PV  
Harry McBain, ADSO-PA/P  
Anthony Dymond, ADSO-CS

Richard King, ADSO-AN/CS  
Jim Blackburn, FC-57(e)  
Marsha Sanchez, FSO-SR, FL55  
William Correll, ADSO-PV  
Marlene Phifer, SO-PS, 5  
Al Christle, ADSO-MA  
Randy Powers, ADSO-MA  
Nedla Powers, ADSO-MA  
Steven Johnson, FSO-MS, FL 51  
Nicolas Normando, ADSO  
Doug Macheel, PVCO

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 17 November 2007**

#### **Stephen Salmon, DCP-1**

##### **Elections.**

Division elections were held on October 24. Robert "Bob" Hendry was nominated for DCP from the floor and elected by secret ballot. VCP Mary Kirkwood was re-elected by acclamation.

All of our flotillas have had their elections as well. In two flotillas, the Flotilla Commander and the Vice Flotilla Commander simply swapped positions. In two others, the Vice Flotilla Commander was elected Flotilla Commander. And in the fifth, the Flotilla Commander was re-elected.

##### **Oil Spill Response.**

Nine members of Division One have been involved, in one way or another, in the response to the Cosco Busan oil spill, some of them for very long hours. The spill affected most of our geographic area, and (like numerous other volunteers), many of our Auxiliaries have expressed frustration at not being able to do more. As hazmat training becomes available, a number of them plan to participate in beach cleanup efforts.

##### **Strategic Plan Implementation.**

I've now presented our recruiting and retention workshop at all five flotillas, completing the last of our initiatives under our 2007 Strategic Plan.

In one flotilla (17), a relatively new but computer-savvy member acted on the suggestion of using VolunteerMatch.com for recruiting, and 7 inquiries have been received so far from that posting. For three of them, enrollment applications are already in process. An additional inquiry was received from Craig's List.

##### **Yearly Statistics.**

Division membership has increased from 251 to 260, with losses in some flotillas more than offset by gains in others. The other unit statistics are remarkably similar to the statistics at this time last year, with two exceptions: safety patrol hours nearly doubled, from 669 to 1234, and VSCs almost tripled, from 262 to 741.

#### **Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3**

The Brannan Island OPTREX, our fourth and final OPTREX for 2007, was held on 26-28 OCT, and was another huge success. Overall, 7 candidates went through QE testing, and all 7 were successful! Also many people got training in comms, first aid, and we trained a new PWC operator, thanks to Aurelio Leon. Thanks to the team from FL 3-10, who did a great job with the setting up and administering the OPTREX.

We held our November Division meeting, which focused on planning and goal setting for 2008. From that session, we developed a list of action items and calendar of events, which includes 4 OPTREX's as follows:

1. Shasta Lake OPTREX at Antlers resort, 2-4 MAY 08
2. Sacramento Radio One OPTREX, 20-22 JUN 08
3. Lake Oroville OPTREX, 5-7 SEP (date is tentative, subject to approval by State Parks)
4. Brannan Island OPTREX, 17-19 OCT 08

We also plan on offering the one day PE course, About Boating Safely, one SAT a month from MAR-JUN, after which time we will evaluate its success, and may continue it during the summer and early fall.

We have a Dock Committee composed of members from FL 33, 35, and 3-10, who are diligently working to get the donated aluminum docks installed at Sacramento Radio One before the high water from winter run-off comes up.

An AUXWEA class was recently taught by Bob McCaw FSO-MT 35, on three consecutive SATs, beginning on 27 OCT at the portable classroom at Sacramento Radio One. An AUXPAT and AUXSEA class are also in the works. Bob will be giving another AUXACN course starting on 24 JAN 2008.

Our Division Change of Watch will be held on 9 DEC 2007, from 1300-1700 at the Marriott Hotel in Rancho Cordova, CA. A flyer with the menu choices has been distributed to the D11N Board and Staff. Below are the election results from the Division and Flotilla elections, which are now complete:

Division 3 (held 11 OCT 2007):  
DCP 3 - Leanne Sweeney (re-elected)  
VCP 3 - Dean LaChapelle (re-elected)

Flotilla 31 (held 8 OCT 2007 - Division representative - Leanne Sweeney):  
FC 31: Robert Albain  
VFC 31: Rory Neumann

Flotilla 33 (held 25 OCT 2007 - Division representative - Leanne Sweeney)  
FC 33: Alan Conley (current VFC)  
VFC 33 Kay-John Kavanaugh

Flotilla 35 (held 16 OCT 2007 - Division representative - Leanne Sweeney)  
FC 35: Don Wyman  
VFC 35: Jim Goff  
Flotilla 39 (held 7 NOV 2007 - Division representative - Charlie Duncan IPDCP)  
FC 39: Skip Connley  
VFC 39: Wayne Pero

Flotilla 3-10 (held 15 NOV 2007 - Division representative - Leanne Sweeney)  
FC 3-10: Cal Faulkner  
VFC 3-10: Craig Teal

I have checked and everyone who has been elected thus far has been on the AUXDATA list of eligible candidates, or provided required documentation that they were eligible for office.

### **Michael Nolan, DCP-4**

1. Division 4 COW was held on November 4 64 members in attendance. VIP's included:
  - a. Captain David Swatland, Deputy Commander for Sector San Francisco.
  - b. Commander David Chareonsuphaphat, DIRAUX.
  - c. LT. Nick Parham, PSS
  - d. LTJG. Chris Artac, Air Station San Francisco
  - e. Ensign Jonathan Tschudy, Sector San Francisco - AUXLO
  - f. Commodore Vic Connell, D11NR
  - g. Angelo Perata, RCO for Division 4
  - h. Steve Salmon, RCO – Elect
  - i. Commodore Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP
  - j. DR. Robert Schmeiderer
2. Operations
  - a. On the water training is ongoing for the new Crew “trainees”. John Gordon has been working with the group and doing most of the training on weekdays/weeknights under non-reimbursable orders.
  - b. Fleet Week saw 4 boats underway in support of the event.
  - c. QE event held on November 10, 2007
    - i. 1 New Coxwain
    - ii. 2 New Crew
    - iii. 2 Recert Crew from REYR
3. Division Captain attended the Fish Safe Conference held at Seattle Washington in November.
4. SIC class will be held at West Marine in San Jose.
5. 24 VSC performed.
6. Posted recruiting notices on Craigslist and Fogster.

### **Phil Sanchez, DCP-5**

- I attended and validated Flotilla 51 Election with the results of the new Officers as: Kristine BusseDohm, Flotilla Commander and Mike Ungersma, Vice Flotilla Commander.
- I attended and validated Flotilla 52 Election with the results of the new Officers as: Curtis Han, Flotilla Commander and Johannes Pattiradjawane Vice Flotilla Commander.
- I attended and validated Flotilla 57 Election with the results of the new Officers as: Jim Blackburn Flotilla Commander and Tom Sarnicola Vice Flotilla Commander.
- I am attending Flotilla 52 COW.
- Our Coxswain/Crew academy training began on October 20<sup>th</sup> with about 7 participants. This will continue on each 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of November through probably February.
- Division 5 will be having it's annual Christmas Dinner at Vallejo Yacht Club on the same night of the December meeting. There will be no meeting but just fellowship
- As was already mentioned at the District October phone meeting that Division 5 will be hosting D-train for 2009-2010. As our members are proud to do this for the District I have already had many express their desire to help out.

- Division 5 COW will be held on January 5, 2008 at Jonesy's Steak House at the Napa Airport.

### **Rodney Collins, DCP-6**

Division 6 elections were held 3 October 2007 at Station Monterey. Rod Collins was re-elected DCP and Mark McLaughlin was elected VCP.

Division 6 COW will be held 18 November 2007 in Morro Bay.

All Flotillas within the Division have had their elections.

### **AN**

All of our annual PATON verifications are complete.

### **PS**

With our ups and downs we have kept our membership stable and have the same number of members as we had a year ago..

### **OP**

Our OPS program has come along nicely this year. We have added 3 coxswains,6 crew Division wide. Additionally we have increased our ASSISTS on the water by 140%.

### **MT**

AUXNAV Classes scheduled for Flotillas Monterey and Santa Cruz to begin Jan 2008. This year we had approx 15% more members taking classes than last year.

### **PE**

13 week BS&S Class running in Santa Cruz and Monterey

13 week Sailing Class running in Santa Cruz

For the year we have increased our PE offerings over 14%,class hours by 25% and qualified Instructors by 30%.

### **VE, PV**

Our VE program this year was excellent with a 14% increase over last years numbers. Additionally our dealer visits increased over 98%.

### **Mart Gardner, DCP-7**

This has been one of the nicest falls Utah has had in many years. After a few weekends of rain and cold we have seen some very nice days, and the colors would make a peacock envious. Last weekend was our COW, and other than that not much has happened regarding the 2007 Board. This time of year is when Division Seven has moved into planning for 2008. November's Division Board meeting will be a two-part event. First, last year's board (2007) will wrap up any loose ends; following that next year's board (2008) will start working on plans. In Utah there are a numbers of big events that hit the Division in the first few months of the year. This does not

leave the new DCP any time to wait. He or she must jump in as soon as the ink is dry on the paper and get things moving.

Division COW was held on November 9 this year. I had some concerns about who would be able to come to Utah after California's little oil thing. Nevertheless CDR David Chareonsuphaphat and COMO Eric Jacobsen made the trip. The night was full of fun, as again this year we stayed away from the formal event and just had fun. A number of awards were handed out. I will just highlight a few in this report. For a complete list of awards see the Division's paper *TACKLINE* or check out the Division's WEB site at <http://www.cgauxut.org>

Joyce Bell	Auxiliarist of the Year
Lou Carroll	Division Captain's Award
Dick Hoelle	AUXOPS Achievement Award
Pamela Berger	Instructor Award
James Zocchi	Marine Dealer Visitation Award
Riley Turpin	Vessel Safety Checks Award
Steve Paskett	Tied for Operations Award
Jean Paskett	Tied for Operations Award

During the COW Dick Hoelle was sworn in as the new DCP for 2008. Consequently, this is my last report to the District board. I would like to say that the last two years have been fun. You have shown me what the Auxiliary is all about and have given me many good memories to cherish for years to come. If I had the time I would have loved to try an RCO position or something, but that is a retired person's hobby. Nevertheless I thank all of my new California and Nevada based acquaintances for asking me to think about running. Take this warning. As your Governors once said, "I'll be back." I hope to return and try fore ROC in 13 years or so when I join the ranks of retirement.

### **Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8**

The major emphasis this reporting period was on the Division election, Tie Out at Clear Lake, flotilla elections and continuing to build capacity at Eureka Flotilla 8-6. Anthony Barron VCP 8 is attending Flotilla 8-6's meetings. Thom O'Connor, a transfer from 8-11 to 8-6 has been elected Vice Commander. Each Flotilla is completing their emergency Call Down Tree. Division COW will be at Crescent City January 26, 2008 combined with the COW for 8-11 and 8-6.

Other Activities in the Division:

8-6

- Bill Martin continues Land Mobile Radio Patrols every day along the Eureka coast.
- New member recruitment and retention is in high gear with 22 potential candidates in process of becoming new members.
- Elections are to be conducted in November with candidates Thom O'Connor running for FC and Helen O'Connor running for VFC.

8-7

- The new Coast Guard weekly support activity for the maintenance of the Helo Fuel Depot at Pt. Arena continues.
- Land Mobile Radio Patrols now assist CG when distress calls are received

- The Flotilla continues to maintain lighthouses at Point Arena and Mendocino.
- They have a number of members working on their AUXOP courses including Search and Rescue, Navigation, Communications and Patrols taught by Noyo Station Coast Guard personnel.
- Their detachment at Pt. Arena is meeting Quarterly.
- The flotilla facility, Puffin, is now deployed to lake Mendocino.
- COW will be December 16 at Silver's at the Wharf

8-8

- Flotilla 88 continues to meet the first Saturday of the month at 1000 hours Lakeside Inn now called Zino's Ristorante.
- They have a net of eight new members, 6 others floating around pending commitment.
- QEs were at Clear Lake During the Tie Out with 9 people qualified or recertified in operations.
- Operations conducted patrols for the Tie-Out in October, Boardstock and the Fly In for amphibious aircraft during late September.
- FC elect is Betty Strach and VFC elect is John McEwen
- COW will be December 1

8-11

- Assistance to Flotilla 8-6 continues.
- Flotilla 8-11 and Station Humboldt Bay had a Stand-up meeting, and the new standing Rules for the operation of the Coast Guard Safe Boat 254851 were discussed and the new procedures were implemented.
- A GAR training and refresher class was scheduled and conducted with all crewmembers on 27 October.
- An ABC class was conducted Oct 20 at Station Humboldt Bay and one new Instructor trainee from Flotilla 8-6 was given time to do a 1.5 hour presentation and did an excellent job.
- Candidate for FC is Bill Barlow and for VFC is Becky Barlow

### **Alex Rider, DCP-10**

With the year over save for some Flotilla Elections and Changes of Watch, I am proud to report that:

Division 10 is first in District 11N in Vessel Examinations, third in the Auxiliary for 2007. A rousing well done to all hands!

Division 10 is first in the Recreational Boating Safety Program visits in District 11N. Once again, well done. The PV program is time consuming and often tedious, especially the "heavy lifting". Those of us involved are surprised by the positive response from our client dealers and suppliers. Having a continuing rapport throughout our AOR is invaluable, not only in terms of the RBS program, but also by being the "cops on the beat" knowing what's going on in the area.

At the Change of Watch on December 8, I will pass the gavel and pennant to Monica Eaton, DCP elect. Monica is a tiger in lamb's wool who will do an excellent job, assisted by Francis Capone, VCP, himself a legend in Division 10.

My deepest thanks and fondest regards to all for a great year.

### **John Boyne, DCP-11**

I attended all of the October Flotilla Election Meetings. Results are reported by the Flotilla Commanders. The training and qualification for the MSD900 suits was held on November 7 at Station Lake Tahoe. Ten members were qualified including the incoming DCP Dee Dee Kincade. In conjunction with this expired day and night signal flares were fired off under supervision of Station Lake Tahoe. Members were asked to bring expired signal flares. This was a great opportunity to test various types. The Station provided pencil flares. I have included a couple of attached photos.

The Division 11 COW was held on the Dixie 11 November 9 on Lake Tahoe. This was a three-hour dinner cruise from Zephyr Cove to Emerald Bay and back. Captain Uberti, Sector San Francisco Commander, was scheduled to attend but the oil spill in San Francisco Bay prevented his attendance. Commander Dave Chareonsuphiphat the Director of Auxiliary for District 11NR attended and replaced Captain Uberti as the guest speaker along with Senior Chief Daniel Bennett OIC Station Tahoe. After the speeches a short movie of Division 11 accomplishments for 2007 was shown. Other Gold Side in attendance were Boatswains Mate First Class Joshua Martin XPO Station Lake Tahoe, Machinery Technician First Class Adam Barton Engineering Petty Officer Station Lake Tahoe and Auxiliary Liaison Boatswains Mate Second Class Matt Jordan Operations Officer Station Tahoe. The Auxiliary included Eric Jacobson Immediate Past Commodore District 11NR, Gail Ramsey Past Commodore District 11NR, Angelo Perata Rear Commodore District 11NR, The out-going Division 11 Captain (me), Cindy Clampitt Division 11 Vice Captain, Roy Priem Past Division 9 East Captain. Fred Messeman Boating Law Administrator for the State of Nevada and Ed Lyngar Boating Safety Educator for the State of Nevada also attended. Commander Chareonsuphiphat assisted by Commodore Jacobsen gave the Pledge incoming Elected Officers Dee Dee Kincade DCP and Dave Law VCP. Attending Flotilla Commanders and Division Staff were included in the Pledge for Appointed and Elected Officers. Awards presented by Commander Chareonsuphiphat were AUXOP to Dave Young incoming FC Flotilla 11-03 and Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement Medal to John Boyne out-going Division 11 Captain. The out-going Division 11 Staff received Certificates of Appreciation from John Boyne DCP 11. The attendance totaled close to one hundred Coast Guard, Auxiliary and guests.

### **Pat O'Leary, DCP-12**

Successfully completed Operation Requal 2007:

- a. All Crew/Coxswains requiring 3 year Requal have gone in front of a QE and been recertified.
- b. Most Crew/Coxswains have now obtained sufficient hours to maintain qualifications.
- c. BZ to Roger Haynes for Orchestrating this effort

Division Elections have taken place.

- a. Pat O'Leary will be DCP in 2008
- b. Roger Haynes will be VCP in 2008

Member Activity: 5757.7 All-Mission Hours

The Flotilla Election cycle is underway.

- a. One Flotilla did not have a candidate for FC
- b. One Flotilla still needs to hold elections

**PA events:**

Planning begins for the Pleasanton Boat  
Multiple VE/PA Stations

**Member Training:**

Boat Crew Class Completed  
TCT and Ops workshop completed

**Public Education** Flotillas have public education classes in progress continuing through the  
year. Schedules are in the works for the coming year:

There was a GPS class  
ABC classes  
On the water training  
Basic Coastal Navigation.  
Boating Skills and Seamanship course  
Youth programs and Boats n' Kids school visits

**Operational Patrols and VE Station**

Our Flotillas reported several VE stations at different Marinas.  
Several Sea-Air-Land patrols reported

**Fellowship:**

Division 12's 2007 COW is scheduled for Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Encinal Yacht Club beginning at 1600L

**Initiatives:**

We will be conducting several MT events in the upcoming months. Broad subjects will be  
AUXOP, Boat Crew and Coxswain.

**All Hours:**

The following table details Member Activity during the period of this report.

AUXADMN - Aux Administrative Support (99)	4014
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,20a,22a,54a,55a)	0
ATON - Aids To Navigation (30,31,32)	613.2
CGADMN - Cg Administrative Support (08,92)	1.5
CGOPS - Cg Operational Support (07,20,21,22,26,54)	132
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	41
HS - Health Services	9
LO - Legislative Outreach	312
MEP - Marine Environmental Protection (28)	1
MS - Marine Safety	4
MT - Member Training (06)	129.5
UMDV - Marine Dealer Visits (11)	16
UPA - Public Affairs (10)	6
UPE - Public Education (04)	345

UREC - Recruiting Assistance (09,90)	69.5
VSC - Vessel Safety Check (91)	1
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24,25)	63
<b>All Missions</b>	<b>5757.7</b>

### **Frances Fisher, P-PCA**

1. Meetings: Our next meeting will be held Saturday, 17 November during the lunch break at the District meeting, CGI. We will be electing officers for the 2008 year. To date, we have the following candidates...for PCA President- Fran Fisher and for PCA VP – Charlie Duncan.

2. PCA Training Fair: Next PCA Training Fair will be held 16-17 February 2008.

3. ANNUAL PCA POKER RUN: The 2008 Poker Run will be held 26 July 2008 at a location TBA.

4. D11NR Memorial PROJECT: In progress. DCO Connell, CDR Chereonsuphiphat and I met with CAPT Russell last month to review possible sites for the Memorial. CAPT Russell agreed to give us a spot at the end of CGI...a nice quiet place for people to sit and meditate. At the last meeting we decided to go ahead with the buoy idea, but that is not going to be possible. Therefore, we are once again looking at alternatives. If anyone knows of someone interested, please contact me.

5. DCPs – Those of you who have served for 6 months are now eligible to join! \$3.00/year or \$30/life membership.

### **Jimmin Chang, RCO-MS**

1. Attended Division 1 election meeting held on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, at Station Golden Gate. There was great enthusiasm and excellent planning ideas. Members in the division planned to participate in the San Francisco Veteran Day Parade.

2. Attended Division 6 election meeting held on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Station Monterey. There were great discussions with very positive attitude amongst members. Flotilla 64 had excellent working relationship with Station Monterey, and organized Valentine Dinner, Bowling Night-outs for the station crew this year. Will represent the District at the Division 6 COW on Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at Morro Bay.

3. Another excellent issue of the District Newsletter, Northwind, was published and is available from the District website. Thanks to our new DSO-PB, George Knies. Other District Staff Officers are encouraged to submit articles for the next issue.

4. District 11 can use a few more Chinese interpreters. USCG nationwide has only 33 officers that are Asian, and few speak fluent Chinese. Members should help target recruit linguist candidates who are willing to be trained in various aspects of the Coast Guard. On the day of the M/V Cosco Busan allision incident, none of the local Chinese interpreters were available. Marine investigators were not able to complete the interviews until the next day, when LTJG Stephen Bor and I were present as Chinese interpreters. I also assisted with interpretation for the California State Department Fish and Game officers in the State investigation on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.

5. More Auxiliarists should be trained and participate in recruitment for the Academy. I represented Coast Guard Academy in the San Jose area high school district consortium College Fair on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. Over 4,000 students and parents participated.

**William Kinsey, RCO-OMS**

- 1 Incident Response Procedure document—Distribution to EXCOM pending completion of DCO review.
- 2 Turn-over of RCO-OMS files to Steve Salmon RCO-e 11NR ongoing
- 3 Oil spill response—Mission opportunities for AUX 11NR members in assisting with the Cosco Busan oil spill in San Francisco Bay have been limited, arising at the Joint Information Center, through the Interpreter Corps, and for a few locally-based commercial fishing vessel examiners. The incident, and the management thereof, provides an interesting case study for AUX 11NR incident response capability development, and I continue to monitor the related activities and the Coast Guard's needs.
- 4 It has been my pleasure to serve as RCO-OMS 11NR in 2007, and I'd like to thank the District 11NR Board and Staff for their support. We took the initiative on developing telephone trees, got a chance to get some real-world incident response practice with the whale ops and the oil spill, and took a good look at how we organize ourselves for the purpose of maintaining readiness. My sincere thanks to you all for your cooperation, suggestions, and support.

**Angelo Perata, RCO-RBS**

**ATTACHMENT C**

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS  
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING  
17 November 2007

**James Duncan, DSO-AN**

**DSO-AN 11(NR) BULLETIN NO. 2007-11** Date: November 5, 2007 From: DSO-AN 11(NR)  
To: VCO, SO-ANs, Aid Verifiers, for Immediate Action Info: D11 (dpw), D11 (dpa-n), and  
EXCOM, Board & Staff Subject: ATON/CU Monthly Program Report **SO-ANs please see that**

**each FSO-AN and Aid Verifier receives a copy of this bulletin.** **1. 2007 SO-ANs:**

Divisions have elected their 2008 DCP's. The DCP's are setting up their 2008 staffs. If you are going to be moving on, please be sure to let me know as soon as possible and if possible who is replacing you. It takes time to get up speed in our programs and as your know we start off on January 1st. It is important for each division, flotilla and Aid Verifiers to get ATON/CU information as early as possible. Your prompt response and cooperation is urgently sought. I hope that all of you can stay on next year. The more years you work in the ATON/CU Program the easier it becomes. **2. 2008 SO-ANs & FSO-ANs Officers Workshop:** I have tentatively scheduled the "2008 Aids to Navigation Officers Workshop" for Saturday February 2, 2008.

The Location will be on CG Island, Room TBA in the next bulletin. If you know you will be the SO-AN or FSO-AN for 2008 please block out this date for the workshop. SO-ANs & FSO-ANs this could be a very important workshop for your division & flotilla. I'm planning an open discussion on the course we want to take this program and the needs of each division. Our new web page will be a big part of this discussion. **3. AID VERIFIER QUALIFICATION CLASS:** The next Aid Verifier Qualification class will be held at the Past Captains Training Fair on Saturday February 16, 2008. This class is for those who would like to become an Aid Verifier and assist the Coast Guard with their Aids to Navigation & Bridges. Any pass or present Aid Verifiers who would like to update their qualification or skills can also sign up. Each SO-AN should look over you certified Aid Verifiers to see if you need more Aid Verifiers to complete your D11 (dpw) assignment for 2008. Does each flotilla have the Aid Verifiers to easily check the aids you assign to them? **4. CHART UPDATING CLASS** will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2007 at the Past Captains Training Fair. This class is for those who would like to do Coast Pilot & Chart Updating to assist the NOAA National Ocean Service in keeping our charts correct and waterways safe. Any auxiliary member can do coast pilot & chart updating and you don't have to be an Aid Verifier but who would just like to update their charting skills.

Sign up for both classes. They complement each other. Keep an eye out for the "Past Captains Training Fair" flyer for information & enrollment form. **5. 2007 AID TO NAVIGATION, BRIDGE, & CHART UPDATING ACTIVITY:** D11 (NR) Aids to Navigation, Bridge, & Chart Updating Summary Report Table for Divisional ATON/CU activity. Table covers all ATON, PATON, Bridge, & Chart updating reports received through **November 5, 2007 AS OF APRIL 1, WE ARE NOW IN THE 2008 NOAA-NOS CHART UPDATING YEAR 2007 DIVISIONAL, BRIDGE, ATON, & CHART UPDATING SUMMARY REPORT**

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3	4	4	45	9	24	13	7	13	13	100%	42	42	100%	16
4			53		46	2	2	2	2	100%	53	53	100%	4
5			10	3	32	9	2	9	9	100%	110	101	92%	19
6			77	1	138	2	2	2	2	100%	129	77	60%	4
8			22		18	1		1	1	100%	4	4	100%	4
10			51		36	10	4	10	10	100%	52	52	100%	10
11			90		31						96	90	94%	11
12			14	4	149	9	10	9	9	100%	146	144	99%	14
Total	5	5	70	2	586	50	30	50	50	100%	754	678	90%	100

Div	Chart Updating Jan 1 to Mar 31, 2007			Chart Updating Apr 1 to Dec 31, 2007			Chart Updating Jan 1 to Mar 31, 2008		
	Reports	2ed Ob	CUC	Reports	2ed Ob	CUC	Reports	2ed Ob	CUC
1	1	2	53	31	3				
3									
4	2		86	6	1				
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10									
11				1	1				
12									
Total	3	2	139	38	5	0			

41

Total NOAA Reports 1/1 through 12/31/07

139

Total NOAA CUC 1/1 to 12/31/07

Total Aids to Navigation	<b>793</b>	Total Members Submitting Reports	<b>88</b>
<b>Total Aids to Navigation in AUXINFO</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>621 out of 793 reports showing up in AUXINFO</b>	<b>78%</b>
Total Chart Updating	<b>41</b>	A= ATON, P= PATON, B= Bridges, U= Unauthorized NOAA-CUC=Charting Credit Points award by NOS to date.	
<b>Total ATON &amp; Chart Updating</b>	<b>834</b>		

*Note: NOAA-NOS Chart updating year is April 1 through March 31.  
Note: D11NR Chart updating year is January 1 through December 31.  
Note: The **Red (0)** indicates secondary Chart Updating Observers.  
Note: **Red Numbers** is the information from AUXINFO as of **November 5th** update.  
Note: "Don't forget to submit your 7030 for all ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating*

*Activity. Your work is not done until your 7030 is in your FSO-IS hands."*

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***----- "Always check AUXINFO for your ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating activity. If you don't find your activity recorded and you have submitted the proper ANSC 7030, check with your FSO-IS or SO-IS for help."***

**6. DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITIONS:** D11 Northern Region now has 5 New Chart Editions in 2007. They covered many Divisional AOR, some having one or more new chart edition. See Dates of Chart Latest Edition Table for D11 Northern Region is on page 5. **NEW EDITION Chart 18652 | 34th Ed. | 01-SEP-07 | Last LNM : 08/21/07 | NAD 83 Folio Small Craft Chart San Francisco Bay to Antioch Scale Various Chart 18658 | 31st Ed. | 01-SEP-07 | Last LNM : 08/28/07 | NAD 83 SUISUN BAY-ROE ISLAND & VICINITY Scale 1:10,000** Charts with edition dates prior to those listed in the table on page 4 are obsolete for use in navigation and Chart Updating activities. The date of a chart is of vital importance to the navigator and the aid verifier. When charted information becomes obsolete, further use of the chart for navigation may be dangerous. Natural and artificial changes, many of them critical, are occurring constantly; and it is important that we in the Auxiliary use the most up-to-date charts. Remember NOAA Raster Navigational Charts are free on line.

<http://www.freeboatingcharts.com>

**7. Visit our NEW Aid to Navigation and Chart Updating Web Page:** I invite all members to explore the District 11 Northern Region (AN) Aid to Navigation, Bridge and Chart Updating Department website. Richard R. King, ADSO-AN/CS include key information, form, and resources you will need to become a knowledgeable participant in District 11 Northern Region's (AN) five major AN programs.

<http://www.d11nuscgaux.info/aton> Many of the area are still undergoing construction and items are being added daily. By regularly visiting this site you will have the resources and knowledge necessary to keep our waterways safe for the maritime public, our environment free from pollution and our charts and small craft facilities up to date. **All the past 2007 Navigation & Chart Updating Bulletins are posted under DSO reports.** While Richard R. King, ADSO-AN/CS is away DSO-CS is posting the January through November 2007 bulletins on our web page. There are a lot of good Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating information in these past bulletins. If any SO-ANs FSO-ANs and Aid Verifiers have lost them, you should download them and keep them for your reference. The information in these past Bulletins will help your members in carrying out your AN programs. Richard will also provide updated information and items of interest to our Aid to Navigation/Chart Updating teams and members through the

District Aid to Navigation & Chart Updating Web site. Reminder to all SO-AN, FSO-AN Officers, and Aid Verifiers, if you don't have your copy of the 2007 guide, you should. Again, if you don't have your 2007 copy and are using the older versions you are getting & giving obsolete information to your members. If you are unable to download your copy of the 2007 guide, contact your FSO-AN, SO-AN, or a member with high-speed Internet capability for a copy.

**8. Repeater 1 AID VERIFIER RE-CERTIFICATION DUE:** To Division 1, 3, & 8 SO-ANs, this is a reminder that the following Aid Verifiers will lose their Aid Verifier Certification on December 31, 2007. Aid Verifier's qualified or re-certified in 2002 must complete their 5-year re-certification. The list below is those that have not taken the "Aid Verifier 5-Year Re-certification Open Book Exam". There is only two (2) months to the end of the year. The listed Aid Verifiers should contact me as soon as possible to request the Open Book Exam or that you do not intend to re-certify. I can send them the exam by e-mailed or by regular mailed.

ID NO.	DIST DIV-FLOT	NAME	CERTAV	Certified Date YYMMDD
1175028	113-01-02	STEPHEN P. STRAW	1	020217
1161372	113-01-04	DIXON KUHN	1	021231
1205613	113-01-09	JAMES W FISHER	1	020220
1182832	113-03-05	EDWARD E. SWEENEY III	1	020217
1183047	113-03-05	LEANNE E. SWEENEY	1	020217
1186636	113-08-08	GARY R. JOLLY	1	020217

**9. Repeater 2, Coast Pilot:** Do you have the latest **free** copy of the "Coast Pilot 7, 39th Edition 2007, Pacific Coast"? Why not, it can be downloaded from the NOAA's Web Site:

<http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot7.htm> You can download just the chapters you need (Chapter 7 is San Francisco Bay). Chapter 7 covers everything inside the Golden Gate. Other chapters cover other parts of our district. Topics in the Coast Pilot include channel descriptions, anchorages, bridge and cable clearances, currents, tide and water levels, prominent features, pilotage, towage, weather, ice conditions, wharf descriptions, dangers, routes, traffic separation schemes, small-craft facilities, and Federal regulations applicable to navigation. Every Coxswain, Aid Verifier & Members doing chart updating should have the most update information about your area of operation. The Coast Pilot gives you important supplemental information for your AOR. We can do Chart Updates to the Coast Pilot. **See Pages 6 thru 13 DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITION TABLE In D11 Northern Region November 5, 2007**

Chart No.	Chart Scale	Edition No.	Last Update
18600	196,948	14	Jan 26,2002
<b>18010</b>	<b>811,980</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Mar 2007</b>
<b>18601</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Feb 2007</b>
18602	40,000	12	Apr 2003
18603	40,000	16	Dec 2002
18605	15,000	12	Mar 2003
18620	200,000	23	Jun 2002
18622	25,000	54	Apr 2006
18623	40,000	11	Jun 4, 2001
18626	40,000	15	Sep 16, 2000

18628	10,000	8	Nov 27, 1999
18640	207,840	25	Aug 2005
18643	30,000	17	Apr 2003
18645	100,000	25	Jun 2005
18647	40,000	15	Sep 2002
18649	40,000	65	JUL 2006
18650	20,000	54	Oct 2005
18651	40,000	44	Apr 2006
<b>18652 SC</b>	<b>40,000:80,000</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Sep 2007</b>
18653	20,000	10	July 2005
18654	40,000	43	Mar 2004
18655	10,000	59	OCT 2006
18656	40,000	55	SEP 2006
18657	10,000	19	Nov 2005
<b>18658</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Sep 2007</b>
18659	10,000	15	Sep 2004
18660	20,000	3	Sep 2005
<b>18661 SC</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Dec 2006</b>
18662 SC	40,000	21	Apr 2005
18663	20,000	6	APR 2006
18664	20,000	12	Aug 26, 2000
18665	40,000	11	Aug 2004
18666	10,000	1	Nov 24, 2001
18667	20,000	12	Aug 26, 2000
18680	210,668	31	Jun2005
18682	20,000	14	Nov 2003
18685	50,000	33	Sep 2005
18686	40,000	13	Jul 17, 1999
18700	216,116	22	Jul 2003
18703	40,000	25	Jul 2003
18704	20,000	13	May 2004

**Jeff Price, DSO-CM**

This report is a review of all that was accomplished through out this year and a look into what is on deck for 2008. The Communications department has seen a lot of success in various projects that were placed to benefit all communicators in this District.

In the month of January, the repeater team traveled to the Mt. Diablo radio site and successfully removed the old "wide-band" repeater from it's housing and replaced it with a new "narrow-band" repeater thus putting this District way ahead of the actual 2008 roll out of new equipment. Unfortunately, the equipment was not exactly what we expected and needed to be replaced shortly after the install. The repeater team quickly identified the major problems and worked to get it taken care of so that our communicators and those who would benefit from the repeater would not have much down time. The weeks that followed

were challenging at most. We had some down time at the end of January through the first couple of weeks in February. In later months, we would replace the repeater again with a brand new style repeater that would turn out to be the very best fit. We greatly appreciate all the patience with all of this from all the members involved. The repeater process clearly is not a perfect platform but with the right people like the ones I have in place we will never go wrong.

In February, we had the first of its kind inter-agency workshop at the PCA Fair. I arranged to have the Communications Director from the Civil Air Patrol join me in a very special Direction Finding classroom and interactive fox hunt after the class. We utilized the brand new Direction Finding machines that Sector San Francisco purchased for our members. I had the great pleasure of handing the machines out to members of various Divisions that would be able to be called out in the event that the equipment was needed. To date, the machines have been used 17 times with a 100% success rate.

March brought us D-TRAIN where RCO Kinsey asked for COMMS assistance with a presentation in regards to the Districts Disaster Preparedness Plan. RCO Kinsey discussed the value in having a Division and Flotilla level phone tree system in place. Former SO-CM-4 Jerry McAlwee was instrumental in helping with some of this from a participant standpoint. Jerry provided some key questions that made the presentation go very smoothly. RCO Kinsey and I both thank him for his support. To date, there still is plenty to do on the phone tree front. We are all hopeful that the word will get out to those that can make a difference in the event that some kind of emergency comes our way.

April brought us back to Mt. Diablo to replace some key filtration equipment that would allow us to transmit and receive with a lot more clarity. We departed the radio site up there with the system and all its components 100% complete. The repeater site is now listed on a ½ yearly maintenance schedule. The only thing that we will be doing in the very near future is that we plan on improving the antennas for both the Marine band and the repeater. This will be complete in 2008. Having the new antennas will help those that are attempting to transmit from far distances.

May was very exciting for the repeater team. They traveled up to Make Shasta, met up with a few of the members of the Redding Flotilla and started for the mountain. The ride was rough (4X4 only) all the way to the top of the Mountaintop. The team updated the existing repeater and took out the "wide-band" program and re-programmed to operate on the now required "narrow-band". The team came back down the hill and gave an in service on how to use the system on a remote platform. The team also found the time to take care of some needed re-inspections of some needed radios. This team has done a superb job in getting the job done. This District thanks both Fred and Kevin Sellstrom for the countless hours for install and travel. BRAVO ZULU!

In June, this Districts Mobile Responders responded to over 36 documented water related rescues where communications were compromised. The Sector Command Center strongly utilized the Auxiliary Watch Officer for all of these tasks. The mobile responders did a superb job with their response and made the liaison work that has been promoted work 100% in their favor. The Sector has been very happy with our platform and continues to use the mobiles for various missions.

#### The Auxiliary

In July, we lost a Communications favorite. OS1 Tim Barr departed the Sector after serving 4 years in the Command Center. Tim and I worked closely and watched the Group stand down and the Sector Stand up. Time was instrumental with the Auxiliary Communications

program and helped out anywhere he could. One of the things that really shined through was his ability to bring new things to us such as the long awaited Communications trailer. There were 3 AUX members (myself included) that were trained to stand that up in a super fast fashion and get it ready for deployment. It was placed in the Sector SOP that in the event of an emergency that someone from the Auxiliary may be contacted to stand the trailer up and man it until Sector watch persons would arrive or transport the trailer to where ever it would be needed. The Communications Department was extremely grateful for having OS1 Barr in our corner. I presented Tim a plaque at the time of his departure and thanked him from all of us.

In August, the District purchased 3 portable radios for the DCO, DSO-OP and the OTO. The main reason for the purchase was to keep the leadership in the loop in the event of an emergency. The radios were pre-programmed with the appropriate frequencies including the District repeaters. The current RCO-OMS will be testing these radios prior to the end of the year to see if things will go as expected. I also started the first of several meetings with the VTS for Fleet Week. See the details for October.

Fred Sellstrom and I made a trip to Mt. Umminum in the Santa Cruz Mountains and met up with the ALPA techs. I stood the radio guard while they brought the system down and Fred took some pictures and checked on the ground noise levels and determined that we would be able to do something on this mountain with the right filtration. Currently this is being investigated. See 2008 details.

In September, I was very happy to announce at the District meeting that Morris Farmer accepted the office of ADSO-CM/HF. Morris brings the knowledge of radio and the experience of being a Division Captain. Originally I had asked Fred to do this but the HF program was taking off and I did not want to over load Fred so that we could remain focused on the repeater projects. Thank you very much Morris. I am honored that you would be a part of my team.

Also in September, I had the very difficult choice in trying to find the very best communicator that I could take on the very special task of providing the very first of its kind Auxiliary Surface asset COMMS platform. The continual meetings at VTS paid off in a BIG way. We were offered a space right in the communication center adjacent to the CPO. This communicator would need have excellent knowledge of the area of responsibility and above all be a great communicator. I received several emails from those who wanted to take it on but were not completely available for the entire Fleet Week event. I made my choice and I was honored to appoint Mr. Mark Mushet to that position. This decision proved to be a HUGE success. The Aux surface assets as well as the VTS personal were very pleased with Marks professionalism over the radio and his ability to work closely with the others in the office. Thank you very much Mark for making this years Fleet Week go off with NO ISSUES!!! You are truly an example of what to expect from this Communications Department.

Lastly, the Communications department was involved with the "Special Events Radio Day" on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. We had and continue to have a success rate. I thank the SO-CM from Div1, Desmond Thorsson for providing a platform for all members to learn from. He has opened his door on several occasions just to help promote the radio and how the radio works. He has

also been very instrumental in helping several members of this Auxiliary obtain their Ham tickets. Thank you Desmond for all you have done this year!

October – One of the best and well-organized Fleet Weeks in recent memory. LTJG Drewniak led the operation along with our very own ENS (soon to be LTJG) Tschudy. Linda Vetter did a SUPERB JOB for us in the Auxiliary and I was honored to be a part of her “Skippers Meeting” that took place in late September. She got the word out to all involved and as a result there were little to no incidents reported.

November has proven to be a very busy for Kevin Sellstrom. He is currently investigating a brand new site high in the mountains that will be very surprising to a couple of very special Divisions. I cannot thank Kevin enough for all that he is doing to make us communicate better.

Well, this has been a look back and I am positive I have left something out but all of you get the idea of what we have been up to.

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Here is where we are going in 2008:

We will be adding three (3) new repeater sites around this District and we have already started planning this out. We now have signed documents that we can provide to the MLC PACAREA for new frequency allocation. Yes, this means we will hopefully be getting more frequencies, which will help dramatically in the event of an emergency. This will also enable us to provide more than just one night of weekly radio nets, which opens up the potential need for Net Controllers. When this happens, I will make the announcement first to the DCO and then to the District.

There will be some new policies coming down from National that is sure raise some eyebrows and I will have an announcement in the first part of the year in direct regards to this so stay tuned.

I will not be attending N-TRAIN this year because COMMS is not part of that platform in January.

I will be sending an email out to the Districts SO-CM to find out what ideas they have or their members have for PCA Fairs and D-TRAIN.

I will continue to bring all the communicators the very best communication possible and my team is eager to get back on the job for next year. I encourage all of the SO-CM to contact the various ADSO-CM for questions that they are unable to answer or programs that they need help with.

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Here are the offices of the ADSO-CM: All of their email addresses have been updated on the Districts web site under Departments. As always, PLEASE START YOUR QUESTIONS AT THE DIVISION LEVEL FIRST. Please let the SO-CM have the first crack at helping you out. If you have no SO-CM then please feel free to contact one of my Officers. This just keeps with the tradition of Leadership and Management.

**ADSO-CM/IT:** The CM/IT and I will be working to update the District Comms web page. We hope to include some pictures and event items that we can look forward to in 2008. We will also be researching some needed upgrades to the ARMS system. More of this is sure to unfold as the year progresses.

**ADSO-CM/R:** You have questions about this Districts Repeater(s). Mr. Sellstrom is eager to help you out and give you the guidance that you will need to be successful in transmitting to the system.

**ADSO-CM/HF:** This position was re-worked to include a brand new officer. Mr. Farmer can help you out and educate you on how the HF radio works and how you fit into this program. He will explain how to get in and what you need to start talking.

**ADSO-CM/MT:** Please send any Comms related questions in regards to future testing or proctoring to the CM/MT. He will be happy to assist if possible and I will assist him as needed.

**ADSO-CM/LM:** If the members have any Mobile related issues, please let this Officer know. He is standing by as always.

**ADSO-CM/W:** I have created a new style for this position to be more interactive with the local Stations AUXLO. There is a very large desire to have Auxiliary Communications professionals stand a watch or two at the local Stations. I will be laying the groundwork for Mr. Lam and he will take it from there. Mr. Lam will also help any Auxiliary member with any information in regards to setting up a Fixed Land Facility, which is very encouraged.

**AUX RADIO NET:** All better now! The remote base VHF Marine band transmitter and new repeater have been replaced and now are fully functional. All Communications units are encouraged to check in and if nothing else test their equipment to see if it all works both on the VHF marine channels as well as the repeater frequency. The net is being held at 2000 local time each Monday evening on VHF CH83A. If for some reason CH 83A is occupied then we will switch our VHF Marine remote to transmit on VHF CH 06A. The Sector Command has approved this. We have also added a 1900 Delta net for communicators in Division 5 and 3. This is a local net, meaning that all transmission are over VHF CH83A. We may be adding more days to this list as we grow in areas not covered at this time.

**AWO (AUXILIARY WATCH OFFICER):** **We currently have all positions filled but one may be coming available soon. I will be updating the comms page on the District site when this position comes available. I will be taking applications for this position at that time. More to follow when it becomes available.**

**ARMS (Auxiliary Resource Management System):** This interactive site is fully controlled by the DSO-CM and the Auxiliary Watch Officers under the direct Supervision of the OTO, DIRAUX and the CDO at Sector SF. This site that has been established contains several Mobile responders that have stated that they want to be apart of the emergency call out process. The old style of utilizing the 11 N/R roster to make call outs has been replaced by this site. This site emails the communicator with his or her availability for the next 24 hours. These members are only viewed by the DSO-CM and Watch Officer to insure the privacy of the person that has signed up. We are always looking to add more communicators so if you are interested please let me know and I will get you online with this process. I cannot promise that you will be called out for the SAR but I can tell you that your services can and will be utilized should the need arise. This service has provided Sector SF with several comms related incidents from D/F to SAR and everything in between. All SO-CM and FSO-CM are encouraged to pass this information along to their membership. This site is the only one of it's kind in the entire Coast Guard Auxiliary. Some issues have come up in the recent past as to the exact call out process and who controls that platform. It needs to be noted that the CALL OUT is in direct response to what SECTOR SF wants and therefore they can make advisements as to who they feel can respond to their calls. I strongly encourage all communicators that wish to be called out to be in and active in this system because there is NO OTHER WAY TO GET CALLED OUT. This position is a dispatching port therefore all AWO's have been instructed to utilize the availability list AT ALL

TIMES. Bottom line is that if you are not on this list or you are and not active on the daily list then you will not be activated, period! ALL MOBILES THAT WORK UNDER ORDERS WOULD NEED TO BE IN THIS SYSTEM.

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### **Robert Firehock, DSO-LP**

There are no significant Legal issues to report for this period.

Division and Flotilla leaders are reminded that their Standing Rules require that agreements for the use of real property and/or the expenditure of unit funds (such as for banquet facilities, including for COW's and holiday parties) need to be approved by Legal. Also, incoming leaders should review their Standing Rules and, if changes are appropriate, Legal is prepared to work with them to make appropriate changes as easily as possible.

### **Steve Ward, DSO-MA**

The computer has been purchased and programmed with the software necessary to run the on line store. I have been in regular contact with DSO-CS Irene Wetzel and her staff of experts who are willing to make themselves available in the initial setup of the on line service.

With the input of Irene and her ADSOs, it has been recommended that we partner with Associated Merchant Service for the store web setup. This information has been passed on to Fran Fisher for her input and recommendations. Server expenses will be worked out by DSO Wetzel and Fisher and may be charged or AMS automatic check option. Finally, I have been issued a log-on and password, National has been contacted and requested to provide information for AUX e-directory for store log on.

### **Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS**

Sector has asked us to identify all Auxiliaries participating in the Marine Safety area. The enclosed spreadsheets indicate those who have achieved qualifications or charged time to the Marine Environmental Protection or Marine Safety codes in AUXDATA. Please pass to your members, check the information carefully and, where appropriate, take steps to update the AUXDATA records.

### **Incident Management**

At 0830 on 7 November 2007, the Cosco Busan, a 902', 65,131 ton container ship, grazed a tower of the Oakland-Bay Bridge, causing a 58,000 spill of bunker fuel oil. At least 18 Auxiliaries have been involved in the investigation and cleanup efforts. Continuing assistance is required at the Joint Information Center. To assist, contact the JIC at 415-398-9621.

We have one Auxiliary – Jerry Bynum – who is qualified as a Pollution Investigator and Pollution Response Specialist. Based on the needs and interest generated by the Cosco Busan incident, we are considering a training program focused on training our members in these areas as well as the Contingency Planning Specialist area. Please pass to your members and advise of their interest in this program.

Jerry has also been conducting USCH 8-hour HAZWOPER training for Port and Harbor Master personnel as well as District 11 Response Department and helping with curriculum development focused at preparing "District Liaisons" for his/her duties for the National M Department. He is

working with the Planning unit at Sector San Francisco by serving as an USCG Evaluator during the California state-wide Golden Guardian Drill/Exercise, serving on the Design Team for the Humboldt Bay Oil Spill Drill/Exercise (scheduled for May 2008), on IMAT - "Safety Officer" deployment stand-by notice for an incident taking place out in the Pacific, and attended the USCG-ICS Instructor cadre conference.

Simone Adair qualified as a Marine Environmental Education Specialist.

The "Boating Clean & Green Campaign" and the "Keep the Delta Clean Program" are distributing free Northern and Southern CA tide books to California boaters. Contact ADSO-MS Jerry Bynum for more information.

Dockwalker Boater kits should be available in the next 30 days. To order, contact:

#### SACRAMENTO – SAN JOAQUIN DELTA BOATER KITS

Dan Jordan, Administrative Intern  
Contra Costa County Public Works Dept, Watershed Program  
255 Glacier Dr, Martinez, CA 94553  
E-mail: [djord@pw.cccounty.us](mailto:djord@pw.cccounty.us)  
Phone: (925) 313-2023

#### STATEWIDE BOATER KITS

Vivian Matuk, Environmental Boating Program Coordinator  
California Coastal Commission/California Department of Boating & Waterways  
(415) 904-6905  
Fax: (415) 904-5216  
45 Fremont Street, Suite 1900  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
[vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov)

The boater kits include:

- "The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Map for Recreational Boating" (2008 revised version – *Only for Delta Boater Kits*)
- The three-hole punch binder card entitled "A Boater's Guide to Keep Pollutants Out of the Water" (See the following PDF file <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/bindercard.pdf> - *Only for Statewide Boater kits*)
- An oil absorbent pillow
- "ABC's of the Boating Law"
- The "Clean Boating Habits"
- The "Personal Flotation Device" Brochure
- The safety flag
- A Trash Bag (*Only for Statewide Boater kits*)

The tentative Dockwalker Training Schedule is:

- San Francisco Bay - Saturday, February 9 2008, YBI
- Stockton - February 16, 2008 - Dameron Hospital Annex Conference room
- Crescent City and Eureka – March 15, 2008 - Humboldt Yacht Club
- Sacramento - Monday or Tuesday March 17 or 18, 2008 – Sac. Radio 1
- Newport Sea Base – March 22nd
- Marina Del Rey – March 29th

- Lake Tahoe and Clear Lake- TBD

#### Domestic Vessel Inspections

13 Auxiliarists participated in Operation Safe Crab, a focused commercial fishing vessel safety initiative, at 6 coastal ports 7-9 November. See schedule, attached.

Karrie Allen	Bob Aparton	Leon Artac	Bill Burns
Sue Fry	Stew Halbersma	Herb Hoeser	Bob Lund
Skip Morford	Neil Nevesny	Michael Nolan	Bev Noll
Dick Palmiter			

The following Auxiliary personnel participated in F/V safety checks for oil spill recovery efforts at the NRC facility in Alameda 10-11 November:

Karrie Allen	Leon Artac	Sue Fry	Skip Morford
Neil Nevesny	Michael Nolan	Nick Tarlson	

A Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety workshop was held on Coast Guard Island 30 October 2007 and the following Auxiliarists completed their annual refresher requirement.

Karrie Allen	Bill Burns	Sue Fry	Bob Lund
Skip Morford	Neil Nevesny	Michael Nolan	Nick Tarlson

15 Auxiliarists conducted 129 out of 242 or 53% of the CFVEs to date in the district. A detailed report is attached.

A new press release is available in connection with the Five Star Uninspected Passenger Vessel Program. We ask that the entire District assist us in promoting this important program.

We have developed a plan to conduct Liferaft Inspection training and regular inspections by Auxiliarists interested in supporting this program.

The Uninspected Towing Vessel program is under development.

#### Ferry Vessel Audit Program

We completed 86 Ferry Vessel Audits to date, as compared with 26 during the entire year of 2006. We have been aboard every major ferry in the S.F. Bay except the Angel Island ferry whose hours are very difficult to work with. To date, we have inspected 19 ferries on a regular basis. This represents all major routes on the bay. Enclosed is a copy of the summary of activities.

Abigail Wagg developed a target request to determine if there are missing or faulty security ties for PFD storage lockers. There had been complaints that these lockers were not secure, and as you can see from the reports it was found to be a problem aboard 11 of the 19 vessels that we have audited. All auditors reported consistent problems with just about every vessel with regard to sound signals, difficulty in hearing the mandatory safety announcements as the vessel departs, and poor or non-existent passenger screening. A major jump in reports came in response to a call-out that Abigail Wagg made to the auditors to go aboard the ferries to see and review the impact of the Bay Bridge closure during Labor Day and afterwards. That, and a

reminder to get out there and make at least two audits this year, got everyone moving. Division 5 is especially active, with 18 of our 49 auditors (see list attached) from that division, and a program where they audit and train together.

#### Port Safety and Security

#### Facilities Inspection

The following are qualified Harbor Safety Officers:

Bill Burns	Jimmin Chang	Gilbert Ellis	Sue Fry
Bob Graham	Faye Graham	Neil Nevesny	Mike Nolan
Ed Sweeney	Nick Tarlson		

The following Auxiliarists are qualified as Facility Inspectors:

Leon Artac	Sue Fry	Neil Nevesny	Mike Nolan
Ed Sweeney			

#### Container Inspection

Sue Fry - Qualified 2007 - 24 Hours this month  
Bob Graham - Qualified 2007 - 4.5 hours this month  
Faye Graham - Qualified 2007 -  
Michael Nolan - Qualified 2004 - 72 hours this month  
Gilbert Ellis - working on qualification  
Leon Artac - working on qualification - 8 hours this month

Total for Containers this month is 108.5 hours.

We proposed a new Maritime Domain Awareness Inspector program which is being considered by Sector San Francisco leadership.

#### Regional Examination Center

The Sacramento Remote Location had 9 mariners have their documents checked and were fingerprinted. They audited 2 Mariner classes given by Grant Maritime. The Sacramento Team is comprised of Bob McCaw, Bob Davison, Bob Nichols, Sharon Nichols and Marla Moura. They received their letters of designation as forensic document examiners this month.

Mike Nolan also received his letter of designation and is in the process of establishing remote locations in the South Bay and Half Moon Bay.

We are in the process of adding locations at Eureka at Station Humboldt Bay. We could use more representatives, especially on the North Coast, Monterey, Lake Tahoe and Utah. We hope to provide another forensic document examiner training in 2008.

Other than those mentioned above, the following Auxiliarists completed the FDE Training in Yorktown last year and are eligible for participation in the Remote Location Program. Also noted is their place of residence since that will affect the Remote Location planning process.

Leon Borden	Stagecoach, NV
Bill Martin	Trinidad, CA
Glenn Smith	?
Randy Harrington	Antioch, CA
Gilbert Ellis	Fairfield, CA

#### Approved Course Audit Program

The following Auxiliarists completed the training for Approved Course Auditing.

Karrie Allen	Ralph Burr	Jimmin Chang	Ray Van Cleave
Bob Coakley	Marty Crowningshield	Charlie Duncan	John Garrett
Jim McDonald	Neil Nevesny	Mike Nolan	

Those who have completed the fieldwork required to qualify as Auditors include:

Jimmin Chang	Bob Coakley	Ray Van Cleave	Nick Tarlson
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#### Pacific Strike Team

Richard Celia continues to spearhead our efforts at the PST in Novato.

#### Occupational Medical Surveillance and Evaluation Program (OMSEP)

This program is designed to monitor members' health in connection with certain potentially hazardous activities in the Marine Safety area such as exposure to hazardous substances. Auxiliarists who are potentially eligible for enrollment in the Coast Guard's OMSEP program, i.e., those who are actively engaged in certain Marine Safety and Environmental Protection programs for at least 30 days per year—have been asked to enroll and arrange for a "baseline" physical examination.

#### Trident Program

Jerry Bynum and Neil Nevesny received their Trident Pins in the past month. They join Sue Fry, Jimmin Chang, Mike Nolan, Steve Salmon, Ed Sweeney and Nick Tarlson. Bob and Faye Graham have completed all but one requirement. Please encourage your members to pursue this important program.

#### Other Initiatives

Six Auxiliarists attended a Prevention Department All Hands meeting on September 26, 2007 and received a number of qualifications.

Please advise if you have any nominees for Auxiliarist of the Quarter.

The Prevention Department has asked us to provide them with a list of interpreters in Vietnamese to assist in communication with crew of foreign vessels. Checking on the National Interpreters' website, there are none in our region (the closest are in Hawaii and Southern California). If you know of any Auxiliarists (or potential members), who are fluent in Vietnamese please put them in touch with me.

## **COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP**

This will be the last DSO-OP report this year. November and December are the months that weather, cold water, holidays, Change of Watches and family (always first) take priority.

### **REMINDERS:**

Please do not forget to submit the 7030 reports to accompany your CG-5132's in accordance with Sector Policy so your patrol reimbursements can be processed in a timely manner.

The end of the year is quickly approaching, all Coxswains be sure to have all your ICS requirements, 100,200,700 and 800A, finished and in AUXDATA. Clarification of Incident Command System (ICS) Requirements can be read at the below link.

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/publications/comdtinst/AuxMan-ICS.asp>

### **RECENT POLICY CHANGES:**

Please read the "Items of Interest" on the Chief Director's web page for changes we need to be aware of. The link to the page is: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/>

### **CORRECTION:**

I made an error in last month's OPS report regarding currency hours for new crew and coxswains who certified late in the year. Reading Chapter 5 (Currency Maintenance) in the Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, the following is stated: **"The currency cycle begins on 01 January of the year *following* initial certification. Currency requirements must be met by 31 December of each year. For example, if a member is certified 15 July 2005, that member's first currency year begins on 01 January 2006, and the member must meet all annual currency requirements by the end of 2006 (31 December 2006). The third-year currency requirements must be met by 31 December 2008."**

### **GOOD SURFACE INFORMATION:**

Operations Surface web link now provides additional considerations to assist coxswains in selecting the effective procedure for a side tow in relationship to the vessels involved. There is a link to the "side tow" article by Dean LaChapelle, a side tow diagram, and one animated variation of securing to a cleat. Visit: <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/surface/patrol.html#towing>  
One item to remember: Flexibility is key in side tows and safety should always be the first consideration.

Please also check out the latest contribution, "Boat Crew Basics" from Bob Peterson. Bob gives excellent information for all and especially for those preparing to go before a Qualification Examiner.

### **OUT-OF-DATE-FLARES: (Contributed by Neil Nevesny)**

The below information is a "Keeper" for all of us. I know I have a few (way too many) out-of-date flares that need to find a good home.

### **Used Flare Disposal Report**

Working on finding disposal sites in the Bay Area has been one of the most amusing and frustrating assignments I have been given. I won't bore you with all the steps I have gone through to get the following information, but it has been a merry-go-round between state, county, police, fire department, bomb squads, environmental departments, and county administrators.

Some new policies have been written in response to my inquiry and some old ones have been dusted off and put back into use. After all this has been said and done, I still cannot guarantee disposal of flares will be allowed at any of the sites enumerated in the attachment to this report.

The only things that I can say with certainty are as follows:

1. California has a law that the only people who can pick up and transport or store flares are those licensed for that purpose. If any unlicensed person accepts flares for disposal they are breaking the law. However, any individual can hold, transport or store their own flares.
2. Flares are considered explosives. However, you may see information on County websites stating that explosives are not accepted. This statement is now obsolete with regard to flare disposal.
3. All counties must provide a disposal site for flares.
4. Hazardous waste sites do not have to accept flares. They may have other alternative sites for disposing of them.
5. Personnel at hazardous waste sites do not always have instructions regarding county policy for accepting flares at their site. (Are you getting the picture?!) The name of a person for employees to call will be included in each county description.
6. Individuals may only dispose of flares in their county of residence ~ not the location of their boat(s).

Enc: Flare Disposal Policy for the following counties:

San Francisco – Alameda - Contra Costa - San Mateo - Santa Clara - Marin

### **SAN FRANCISCO**

#### **For SF residents only, ID will be checked**

Disposal Site: Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site (SF Recycling & Disposal). From Hwy 101 take Monster Park/Tunnel Ave exit.

Hours: Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Closed Jan 1, July 4, Thanksgiving and following Friday, Dec. 25/26

Limitations: 12 flares per person per year. Appointment necessary.

Contact information to make appointment: Before bringing in flares, call the Hazardous Waste Disposal Hot Line, 415-330-1405 to make appointment. Suggest visit the website:

[www.sfhazwaste.com](http://www.sfhazwaste.com) for any updates on requirements.

### **ALAMEDA COUNTY**

Hours: 9:00am – 1:00pm on specific days, call for appointment 800-606-6606

Locations:

- Oakland Facility - 2100 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland
- Hayward Facility - 2091 West Winton Avenue, Hayward
- Livermore Facility – 5584 La Ribera Street, Livermore

### **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

Contra Costa has no central county policy for flare disposal. Authority for flare disposal is vested in each Fire Chief for the county's 23 Fire Districts. Each Chief sets that district's policy

concerning flare disposal. Residents of Contra Costa County, depending on their city of residence, must call their local Fire District to inquire about flare disposal. These policies may change whenever Chiefs change.

### **SAN MATEO COUNTY**

Flare Disposal Site: San Mateo County requires an appointment. You will be given directions when you make the appointment.

Hours: By appointment

Limitations: none stated

Contact information: 650 363-4305 or 650 655-6202

### **SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

Flare Disposal Site: Santa Clara County requires an appointment. You will be given directions when you make the appointment.

Hours: By appointment

Limitations: none stated

Contact information: 408 -299-7300

### **REMINDER: New Crew & New Coxswains**

Initial Crew needs to be BQ or AUXOP, have taken a TCT class within the past five years and have taken ICS 100 and 700.

Initial Coxswain needs all the above, at least twenty eight hours underway as crew, in addition to having taken ICS 200 and 800A plus the Operations Policy Test, available on line, and NavRules closed book exam (Series 70).

ICS Classes: ICS 100, 200, 700 & 800A are available on line. ICS-210, Initial Incident Commander, is a classroom course designed for single resource leaders and type 5/type 4 incident commanders. This 4 hour classroom course will be required for Auxiliary coxswains, pilots, any member qualifying in the trident program or any other team/task force leader. Given the limited access to this course, no date for completion has been determined. Single resource leaders are highly encouraged to take ICS 210 if the opportunity is available. ICS210 is only available via classroom. This four hour class is normally offered twice a year at the PCA Fair on Saturday morning and a second class Saturday afternoon.

### **QUALIFICATIONS AND RE-CERTS:**

Next are those Divisions and Flotillas that have committed to an Operational Event for 2008. We know there will be more listed soon but please check with your IS officer and see when you are due for your, TCT, NAV RULES and 3-year Currency Maintenance ride with a Qualification Examiner. Please, please, whatever you do, do not wait until the end of the year. Schedule early. New Coxswains or new PWC Operators you also need to pass the on line OPERATIONS POLICY MANUAL EXAM prior your check ride.

### **OPTREX SCHEDULE 2008:**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>HOST</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>CONTACT INFO</u></b>
APR 12/13 <sup>th</sup>	DIV 12	YBI	
APR 19/20 <sup>th</sup>	DIV 5	VALLEJO	<u>DGP-5</u>
MAY 2/4 <sup>th</sup>	FLT 3-9	LAKE SHASTA	CHARLIE DUNCAN

JUNE 20/22 <sup>ND</sup>	DIV 3	RADIO ONE	TBA
SEPT 5 <sup>TH</sup> /7 <sup>TH</sup>	FLT 3-9	LK OROVILLE	TBA
OCT 24/26 <sup>TH</sup>	FL 3-10	BRANNAN ILS	CAL FAULKNER

The below chart shows what we have done so far in 2007 and compares with prior years.

Mission Hours as values	AFAM - Area Familiarization (55a)	CHART - Aton/Chart Update Patrol (03)	LOG - Logistics Mission (54a)	REGATTA - Regatta Patrol (02)	SAFETY - Safety Patrol (01a, 20a)	TRN - Training Mission (22a)	AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,20a,22a,54a,55a)
11 NR - Div 01	0.00	5.40	25.50	64.00	2,857.10	233.80	3,185.80
11 NR - Div 03	0.00	102.90	0.00	205.70	3,301.40	840.20	4,450.20
11 NR - Div 04	49.60	0.00	0.00	148.50	1,066.50	679.00	1,943.60
11 NR - Div 05	303.90	72.40	0.00	84.00	1,976.30	493.30	2,929.90
11 NR - Div 06	0.00	22.50	0.00	182.40	947.70	124.90	1,277.50
11 NR - Div 07	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.40	4,328.90	0.00	4,359.30
11 NR - Div 08	16.60	16.60	30.00	36.00	1,846.50	271.00	2,216.70
11 NR - Div 10	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	678.70	66.50	753.20
11 NR - Div 11	0.00	48.70	0.00	289.40	407.90	312.90	1,058.90
11 NR - Div 12	86.00	105.70	0.00	99.40	1,085.90	528.10	1,905.10
<b>Eleventh Northern 2007 to date</b>	<b>456.10</b>	<b>374.20</b>	<b>55.50</b>	<b>1,147.80</b>	<b>18,496.90</b>	<b>3,549.70</b>	<b>24,080.20</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>216.40</b>	<b>379.30</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>897.60</b>	<b>19,512.20</b>	<b>4,219.70</b>	<b>25,225.60</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>306.30</b>	<b>366.10</b>	<b>87.40</b>	<b>1,118.20</b>	<b>20,010.20</b>	<b>2,549.70</b>	<b>24,499.90</b>

To date we are very close with the total underway time we did for the past two years and I am sure there are still many hours that still need to be documented. **Great job!**

### **Edward Sweeney, DSO-PA**

Much of the PA world is winding down, except a few holiday parades. But that doesn't mean that there is nothing to do.

The biggest thing going on now from a PA standpoint is the Auxiliary support to the JIC for the *Cosco Busan* oil spill incident in SF Bay. About a dozen Auxiliarists have been involved in supporting the JIC, and the feedback I've received from the active duty PAs has been outstanding. This work appears to be ongoing as long as the spill cleanup is going on.

The AUX-12 C school schedule for 2008 has been published at <http://www.auxpa.org/aux12/>. Those interested in attending should submit a STTR as soon as possible.

I also urge all PA officers to work with their elected leadership to start NOW and set some goals for 2008.

In closing, I urge all PAs to publicize our COWs and awards received there. Furthermore, I urge all the new elected officers to select their PA staff officers wisely, as they can "make or break" many of our programs, such as PE, VE, and recruiting.

### **George Knies, DSO-PB**

The first electronic edition of the *Northwind* went on line in October. Fifty (50) copies of the twenty (20) page color/photo edition were printed for USPS mailing to key Gold Side and Civilian Officials. A select number of issues were mailed, upon request, to individuals who appeared in the issue that were unable to receive electronic copies.

There were a few minor download problems initially, that were resolved forthwith by Ed Sweeney and Irene Wetzel.

I have received several recommendations pertaining to form and composition that will be incorporated in the next issue.

I recommend that the number of high quality printing, i.e. this issue, be reduced from fifty (50) copies to twenty five (25). Initially a list of members 'not on line' were to receive non-color/photo issues. I received only five (5) names to date. I recommend that Flotillas provide a printed copy for distribution to those few members not on line.

Adoption of the aforementioned process will keep printing costs for 2008 below one thousand (1,000.00) dollars.

### **Michael Ungersma, DSO-PE**

**2008 Instructor Workshop is available** Download it from: <http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/>

**SS&S (Sailing Skills and Seamanship):** Books are printed, and sample copies are available. Instructor materials are in the works, but release date has not yet been set. Check the elib website for news.

**ABC becoming ABS:** America's Boating Course will be renamed About Boating Safety. The content will still be basically the same.

**Reporting Your Class Completions Is More Important Than Ever:** Not only do instructors get credit and awards based on the 7030 Mission Report data, but some of the class completion data is required by NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators). Under new terms and conditions, the number of certificates issued must be reported. We get that information from your correctly completed form 7030, so please be sure to fill it in after every class.

**SUMMARY OF CLASSES**

We advertised over 55 Public Education classes this year on our District web site, via the Form 7023w.

**YOUTH REPORT**

The Boat 'n Kids program on the cutter Morganthau scheduled for 10 November was canceled due to deployment, but the program is a go for the Morganthau for 5 January 2008. Mark your calendars and sign up your kids!

**Phil Grove, DSO-PV**

Division Reports:

Div. 06 reports 12 program visits.  
 Div. 10 reports 88 program visits.  
 No other reports received.

Local Statistics (visits):

	<u>PYTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>NET CHANGE</u>
DIV 01	550	466	- 84
DIV 03	359	315	- 44
DIV 04	367	414	+ 47
DIV 05	382	628	+246
DIV 06	96	175	+ 79
DIV 07	304	280	- 24
DIV 08	359	215	-144
DIV 10	1055	1454	+399
DIV 11	104	192	+ 88
DIV 12	0	0	0
Totals	3640	4139	+499

PACAREA Statistics (visits):

D11N	D11S	D13 (OR&WA)	D14 (HI)	D17 (AK)
4139	3243	5203	417	114

(statistics shown from AUXINFO through October 2007)

Gary Murray ADSO-PV and myself have attended Flotilla & Division meetings talking to the members about the RBSVP programs. Many were not aware of the program, some want to get started, while others are looking into the program. Good response from the members.

**Michael Lauro, DSO-VE**

**YTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 6482\***

**PYTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 6790\***

We are **88%** of the District goal of 7,350 VSC's and **95%** of 2006 production.

**Stats from AUXINFO\* indicate that 3863 or 61% of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition 3053 or 48% are High Risk VSC's.**

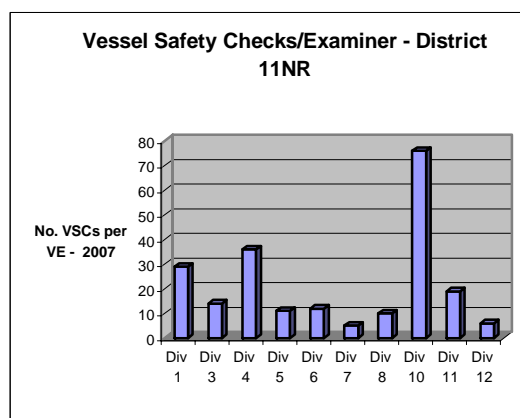
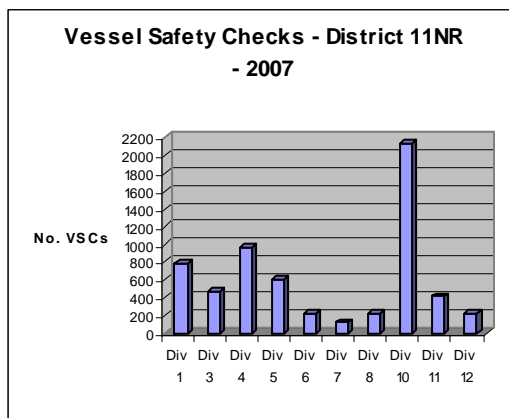
\*As shown in AUXINFO thru October 2007.

**-DISTRICT/ NATIONAL NEWS**

**District News**

I've been told that except for Division 1, that there has been little VSC activity throughout the District. With that in mind, I contacted the SO-VE's and suggested that Division reports be suspended until January. However, 62 Examiners have reached the 20+ VSC plateau, which is a 10% increase over the 56 examiners at this time last year. In addition, 25 examiners have reached the 60+ VSC plateau for 2007 a 33% increase from 18 examiners in 2006-the MOST since the program's inception! I'm certain that these numbers will increase as 7038's continue to be submitted. All names for both categories will be published in the January VSC Newsletter.

**2007 District 11NR Performance**



The above graphs have been prepared by Joaquin Duran ADSO-VE to aid me in illustrating VSC/VE performance in District 11NR for 2008. The District VSC average per Division is 648 VSC's while the National average is 616 VSC's per Division. The District average of VSC's per examiners is 22 VSC's while the National average is 18 VSC's per examiner. This compares to 23 VSC's per examiner in the District at this time last year.

Nationally 116,379 VSC's have been reported, about a 5% drop from 122,974 VSC's for 2006. D11NR shows the same 5% drop from 2006. However, Divisions 1 and 4 have both shown major improvement in both areas. Division 10 continues to be a strong performer both locally and nationally. This year, it places 2<sup>nd</sup> in the PAC AREA behind Division 12 from 11S. It also places 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally behind Division 1 in District 7 and Division 12 in 11S. As you can see, while not reaching our production goal for 2007, the District continues to perform well when compared to the National averages.

### **National News**

#### **For Safety's Sake, Volume IV - 2007 Released**

The newest edition of For Safety's Sake, Volume IV - 2007 has been released. This new issue was released on November 10th and is available for downloading from the V Departments Newsletter page at: <http://safetyseal.net/Newsletters/>.

In this issue is: We Need Your Help, State Farm Renews Vessel Safety Check Partnership, Waived Items On ANSC 7003, Mustang Survival Rescue Stick, Prevention: Getting the Job Done, Best Flotilla Awards for 2006 and much more!

### **2 FULL MONTHS TO GO!**

#### **Vessel Safety Check Program 60th Anniversary Motivational Contest**

1. Eligible participants: All USCG Auxiliary currently certified vessel examiners.
2. Contest qualification: For every twenty (20) VSC checks performed and recorded in AUXDATA by 31 December 2007, the eligible vessel examiners will receive one chance at the prizes detailed below.
3. Winners will be randomly selected at a drawing to be held at N-Train 2008.
4. Grand prize:
  - a. A berth on the USCGC Eagle.
  - b. USCG Auxiliary winner to receive up to a \$500 stipend to cover travel, food and up to one nights lodging.
5. Other prizes to be determined.

Source: Pete Urgola DC-V

The long awaited RBS device has arrived at ANSC and can be ordered by the DIRAUX office. Unfortunately the Certificate to accompany the device has not been finalized. I understand that the device can be awarded and the certificate presentation will be at a later date.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary National V Department has released the 2008 VE and PV Workshops. The workshops for 2008 are not mandatory, but units are encouraged to hold the workshops to better the knowledge of their Vessel Examiners and Program Visitors. You can download them from: <http://safetysealnet/workshops>. They are also available on CD from ANSC, the V Department 2008 Workshop CD is ANSC 2001A.

Source: [Pete Urgola, DC- V]