

MINUTES  
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING  
14 MARCH 2008  
DOUBLETREE HOTEL, MODESTO CA

The meeting was called to order at 1405 by DCO Victor Connell. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by VCO Mike Williams.

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

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

DCO Connell introduced Commodore Lois Conrado, National Area Commodore - Pacific.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Connell called for approval of the 19 January 2008 minutes.

Motion: Steve Salmon, RCO-OMS moved and Fran Fisher, P-PCA seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

DCO Connell stated that since the minutes of 20 February 2008 were not distributed, there would be no vote on adopting them.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The USCG Cutter Bertholf Commissioning Committee is requesting support from the Auxiliary in terms of a monetary donation. Letters will be distributed to DCPs to give to their FCs so that all flotilla members will have the opportunity to support the event. There may be other opportunities for Auxiliarists to participate in commissioning events.
2. DCO Connell read a letter sent out regarding Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS from the National Department Chief - Information Services. The letter praised Irene for her superb services in website development and maintenance.
3. Regarding the Awards presentation at the banquet tomorrow: Robin Freeman is the MC and will be calling out awards and presenters. DSOs are to be ready when your name is called. Pictures will be taken as the award is presented. DCPs should accept awards for absent flotilla members.
4. There will be a presentation after the meeting on Auxiliary restructuring.
5. At the EXCOM meeting this morning the District Procedures Manual was discussed. It has outdated information. Since all information is now available electronically, there will be information coming out later this year in an all electronic version with limited hard copies. Electronic updates will be available on the District website which will cut down on outdated information.

6. Regarding the recent ALCOAST email concerning ODUs, DCPs are asked to read it carefully, especially regarding official variations for the Auxiliary.

#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jerry Townsend, ADSO-PA/Planning: Briefly described the AIM program. The Public Affairs Office is recruiting for the Coast Guard Academy and invited more district members to join the recruiting program.

Angelo Perata: An information packet on "What We Do" as Auxiliarists is available to give out to DCPs. He thanked Bill Kinsey, Rich Thomas, Pat O'Leary, and Irene Wetzel for all their hard work.

Mike Maddox, DSO-MT, announced that Steven Chan, ADSO-FN/F is joining Member Training as an ADSO in order to put the Member Training classes on the District web site. He was sworn in as an ADSO-MT.

#### GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

DCP Connell and CDR Chareonsuphiphat recognized COMO Ed Sweeney as National Directorate Commodore for Recreational Boating Safety (NADCO-RBS).

#### DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Connell called for district board reports as follows:

Robert Hendry, DCP-1 – Report on file. He has not received a financial report from one of the flotillas.

Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3 – Report not on file. Division 3 is gearing up, getting into full swing with PE courses. New docks installed. New OPTREX.

Judy Esteban, DCP-4 – Report on file, nothing to add.

Phil Sanchez, DCP-5 – Report on file. There will be an OPTREX on Apr 19-20. The FCs in 52 and 53 are making their presence known on Lake Berryessa. They are doing patrols, which is new. There will be a boat show on April 4-6. Also the Bodega Bay fish festival.

Rodney Collins, DCP-6 – Report on file. There are fishing closures, not much else happening. On March 20, the Navy League will be working with the Division. Events such as rides on a buoy tender are planned. If you come please wear a uniform.

Dick Hoelle, DCP-7 – Report on file. Ice should be breaking up on lakes. The focus is on recruiting and boating safety classes. He is planning a joint operation between 2 flotillas.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8 – QE training happened a couple of weeks ago. Flotilla 8-11 working on Safe Boat and is ready for deployment.

Monica Eaton, DCP-10 – Report not on file but is coming. OPTREX in Clear Lake in April.

Dee Dee Kincade, DCP-11 – Report on file. A TCT class was given in January; thanks to Irene Wetzell and others for coming up to give it.

Pat O'Leary, DCP-12 – Report on file. OPTREX on April 12-13 at YBI, forms available.

Frances Fisher, P-PCA – Please come to Sunday breakfast. We had a great PCA training fair in February. Flotilla 43 received a check for having the greatest attendance at PCA Fair.

Jimmin Chang, RCO-MS – Report on file. April is CG Mutual Assistance Fundraising campaign. It also benefits Auxiliarists with emergency financial or other needs. Fundraising packages are now being mailed to every Auxiliary household for the widest reach of audience. Any amount is welcome. Perhaps pass around the hat at flotilla meetings. Changes are coming re Active Duty. Admiral Allen's speech has been recorded on CG.Com. Changes can be threatening; we need to manage the transition.

Angelo Perata, RCO-RBS – Report on file. National Safe Boating Week is May 17 – 23. The theme is to Wear It. (Life jackets) Another program is Fit to Float. We want to get outdated life jacket designs off the water. More information to follow. Please take a lot of pictures during National Safe Boating Week. Please keep him informed when you do these events.

Steve Salmon, RCO-OMS – Report on file. A DSAR flyer is available and there is new information regarding NSAR. The 3-person team must be boat crew qualified and 1 must be coxswain. Also Salmon met with Sector to discuss the Incident Response Plan for the District. Possible surprise drills coming. Salmon thanked everyone from Division 12 for participating in the Security exercise on March 11 with only 1 or 2-day notice. They responded quickly to sudden requests from Sector. Volunteers for Sector Administrative support are still needed. DIRAUX support is also needed.

COMO Eric Jacobsen, IPDCO – Saluted Dee Dee Kincade of Division 11. He is mentoring her and it is working well.

Michael Williams, VCO – No cell phones tomorrow please, especially during awards meals. Please review awards by 4 April. He thanked members of Division 10 for putting D-Train together.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – Mitch Hempstead has left. A new Yeoman will arrive on May 3. Capt Bingaman is leaving. Recreational Boating Safety summit in Los Angeles. 9 May Chief of Staff Captain Long Industry Partnerships.

CWO4 Kenneth Frost, OTO – The staff has had to take on some DIRAUX duties, so please be patient. Travel claims are due by May 15. Training requests now go through Ken Frost.

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

#### DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

James Duncan, DSO-AN – Report on file, nothing to add.

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – Report on file.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file, nothing to add.

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Report on file. She thanked everyone for their feedback to web site improvements. Regarding email: not all email actually gets delivered. Some undeliverable email gets returned as “spam”, but not all. The goal is to make website email an effective tool. Ed Sweeney is lauded for what he did for the web site, Irene is now looking for a web manager. Please come to workshops.

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file. (Not attached due to confidentiality.) Congratulations to Divisions 3,4,5, and 11 for getting their reports in. Other Divisions get with it. Thanks to Steve Chan.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Report emailed to board. Remind flotillas to download and use the new edition of 7030. Aux info workshop tomorrow.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – This is 2nd D-Train to have a Legal Workshop.

Arlan Christle, DSO-MA – Not present but at D-Train.

Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS – Report on file. FSO-MS and SO-MS are asked to report AWW activity each month.

COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT – Report on file. An officer training was held in January. Certificates for Outstanding Support of New Officers Training were awarded to: Vic Connell, Robert Firehock, Fran Fisher, Ken Frost, Linda Haynes, Marilyn McBain, Pat O’Leary, Gail Ramsey, Nick Tarlson, Richard Thomas, and Mike Williams. Maddox is trying to do a PSA for a local tv station.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file. Don’t forget OPS workshop Sunday morning. She has SAR plaques from last year. Thanks to Rachel Zamora.

William Kinsey, DSO-PA – PA workshop tomorrow. He has received lots of SO-PA reports, things are going well.

George Knies, DSO-PB – He is receiving articles and the next issue is ready to go. Knies specified technical details regarding photos. Staged photos are best.

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – New National website for PE. Click on “Departments.”

Richard Thomas, DSO-PS – Report on file.

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV – Report on file. Nothing to add.

Robin Stewart, DSO-SR – Nothing to report.

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file. Thanks to all FCs and DCPs for supporting the class at PCA Fair. Please forward appropriate awards and certificates for vessel safety checks to appropriate recipients.

Neil Nevesny, CRC - Report on file. Nothing to add.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

Recess: 1530

Reconvene: 1545

ANNOUNCEMENT: Jimmin Chang thanked the Board and Staff for the \$132 received for Mutual Assistance collected during the Board meeting.

Presentation by DCO Connell: USCG Auxiliary Modernization and Transformation. He highlighted proposed changes coming from National in certain Officer Titles and structural changes that we can discuss in order to better support Sector San Francisco.

2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation by George Knies, DSO-PB: More information on the Festival of Sail and arrival of the CG Cutter EAGLE in San Francisco. The parade will be at noon on 23 July, coming under the Golden Gate Bridge. Two types of volunteers are needed – 1) for the Festival itself, 2) as Auxiliarists in uniform officially assisting the Eagle. Go to the website at: [www.Festivalofsail.org](http://www.Festivalofsail.org) for more information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1630.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is the Board Phone Conference on Wednesday, 16 April 2008 at 1900 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stewart, DSO-SR

## ATTACHMENT A

### ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 14 MARCH 2008

#### DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Victor Connell  
Mike Williams, VCO  
Jimmin Chang, RCO-MS  
Steve Salmon, RCO-OMS  
Angelo Perata, RCO-RBS  
COMO Eric Jacobsen, IPDCO  
CDR David Chareonsuphaphat, DIRAUX  
CWO4 Kenneth Frost, OTO  
Robert Hendry, DCP-1  
Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3

Judy Esteban, DCP-4  
Phil Sanchez, DCP-5  
Rod Collins, DCP-6  
Lawrence Kelley, VCP-7  
Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8  
Monica Eaton, DCP-10  
DeeDee Kincade, DCP-11  
John P. (Pat) O'Leary, DCP-12  
Frances Fisher, P-PCA

#### DISTRICT STAFF:

Jim Duncan, DSO-AN  
Jeff Price, DSO-CM  
Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS  
Randy Parent, DFSO  
Frances Fisher, DSO-FN  
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS  
Robert Firehock, DSO-LP  
Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS  
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT  
COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

William Kinsey, DSO-PA  
George Knies, DSO-PB  
Roger Haynes, DSO-PE  
Richard Thomas, DSO-PS  
Phillip Grove, DSO-PV  
Robin Stewart, DSO-SR  
Michael Lauro, DSO-VE  
Linda Haynes, D-AD/H  
Neil Nevesny, CRC

#### GUESTS:

Morris Farmer, ADSO-CM/HF  
Ed Sweeney, ADSO-CS  
Stephen Chan, ADSO-FN-MT  
Harry McBain, ADSO-PA/P  
Anita Farnholtz, ADSO-OP  
Joanna Nevesny, ADSO-LP  
Clarence Johnson, SO-PE-12, FSO-VE 12-21  
Carol Farmer, FSO-SR, 07-08  
Chris Doutre, SO-CM-6

Jerry Townsend, 03-05  
Lois Conrado, ARCO-P, D 11 S, 04-09  
Michael Mylo, SO-PA-7  
John Boyne, IPDCP-11  
Tony Diamond, SO-MS-7, FC-06  
Sherwin Harris, FC-12-02  
Peter Kyril, SO-MT/MS-6  
Claudia Kenworthy, FSO-IS, 12-02  
Rick Saber, SO-VE-1, FC 01-02

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 14 MARCH 2008**

#### **Robert Hendry, DCP-1**

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

At the Division meeting at the end of February, the Division Board adopted the America's Waterway Watch plan as proposed. A presentation for the flotillas to use with their membership has been prepared and distributed. In March and April, surveys of relevant areas of the Bay and contacts with ferry/excursion companies will be accomplished in addition to traditional activities.

##### **Website Development.**

Given the enhancements in the District site as well as the capabilities of the National and Flotilla sites, the Division website will be redesigned to provide general information and appropriate links to others sites for use of the public and it will provide for a members only blog. It will be operational soon.

##### **Operational Training Exercise.**

Plans for our OPTREX to be conducted on May 31 and June 1 are progressing.

##### **Meeting Venue.**

Based on a consensus of the Division Board and Staff, the venue for our meetings has been changed to the Sector Galley on Yerba Buena Island. This is considered a mid-point in our Division area. Previously, we would alternate between a southern and a northern location. A solution to the problem of some members paying two bridge tolls is under advisement.

##### **Member Questionnaire on Training & Division Schedule.**

All flotillas are participating in completing a questionnaire of their members to determine training needs for the year. Based on these needs, appropriate classes will be scheduled for members. From a Division perspective, a circulation of these classes will be distributed to all members in the Division to utilize our instructor talent efficiently while providing maximum opportunities for our members. We will try to make available all of the Specialty courses during the course of this year.

Members are busy with vessel exams, public educations and other regular activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert W. Hendry, DCP-1

#### **Judy Esteban, DCP-4**

##### **26 March 2008 is our next meeting**

- 43 New FC - John Gordon – attended meeting March 11
- 41 New VFC – Allen Klaska
- Standing Rules - in progress
- Phone Trees – in progress
- American Red Cross Armed Services Emergency Services committee – Jerry McAlwee will attend monthly meeting for Coast Guard
- Voted to accept SO-VE Joaquine Duran plans to cover Calero, Anderson, and Coyote lakes
- FL 48 is offering a BS&S course April 3 to May 29
- FL 43 will be offering a awareness Weapons of Mass Destruction

- MT- Crew and Coxswain training planned contact Stephen Chan and John Gordon. Dave Naumann will be offering TCT and OPS at 1830 – 1930 before March 26 Division Meeting and Instructor workshop before April 23 Division Meeting
- PA - Members to be judges for Science Fair – Jerry McAlwee lead. Working with DASR team to help promote event
- OP- Testing of Radiological Substance on the water scheduled for March 12
- AN- ATONS check has begin

Respectfully submitted,

Judy S Esteban  
DCP 4 11NR

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

- Division 5 budget has been approved for 2008.
- We are still in full swing with our Coxswain/Crew academy training though weather has gotten in the way a couple of times – we have to get the swim in – we'll make sure that everyone who wants to get qualified can.
- Division OPTREX scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at Station Vallejo is starting to fill up. SO-MT will be completing the list of attendees soon so I can ask for QE's. The flyer has been inserted on the District Calendar. All are welcome to join us.
- We are once again are working on the Division Banner and have received 4 entry's to date. I expect we should have a decision by summer.
- Curtis Han FC 52 & Chuck McCarty 53 have teamed up their Flotilla's to have a presence at Lake Berryessa. They have been diligently working with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Sheriffs Dept for official access to the lake. This proud accomplishment will complete our Divisions presence in our AOR.
- Flotilla 55 reported that they will be standing watch at a booth for the annual Santa Rosa Boat & RV Show in Santa Rosa on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Also they will be participating with the USCG Life Boat Station Bodega Bay at the Bodega Bay Fish Festival and Blessing of the Fleet on April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Both these events are huge Public Affairs events, not to mention the regatta patrols on Bodega Bay.

### **Flotilla Commanders' reports:**

#### **FC 51 Christine Busse- Dohm**

- Flotilla 51 had great attendance at their last meeting during which they did the Operations Workshop, TCT Workshop and the Sexual Harassment Workshop.
- Member Training. The flotilla has been busy in final preparation of members for initial QE or 3 year requal. We have several members who will be part of the OPTREX QE this year. Paperwork requesting the QE has been submitted. Crew Books will be reviewed for completeness prior to the OPTREX.
- VE's and National Safe Boating Week. Requests for supplies have been submitted to the State for whistles etc. Flotilla will start planning their activities for National Safe Boating Week soon. This normally includes an evening social at the station Vallejo with potluck dinner provided.
- One of my goals this year was to have several classes on Emergency Preparedness Michael will be teaching a short class at the March meeting. Supplies have been ordered for this class.
- Several Members of the Flotilla have been very busy creating the table decorations for D-train. We hope to have these completed soon. It appears that we may have over 8 members attending this year.
- PE – The American Boating Course will be taught at Solano College Vallejo Campus on March 29<sup>th</sup> and Apr 5<sup>th</sup>. This class has been split into two sessions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristine Busse-Dohm

**FC 52 Curtis Han:**

**Aids to Navigation** – Nothing to report

**Communication Services** – updated resource links and calendar of events pages

**Finance** – Form 7025 was submitted in mid-February; new FN officer included in Flotilla's bank account

**Information Services** – Nothing to report

**Materials** – Absent; no report submitted

**Marine Safety** – MS officer attended Dockwalker program on 09 FEB 2008. Boating kits were handed out upon completion.

**Member Training** – Three members began boat crew training. No workshops were held at February's meeting. Sexual Harassment Prevention workshop will be held at the end of March's flotilla meeting. Mr. Tinney will also be presenting a short uniform presentation during the meeting in March

**Operations** – One member served as a crew in 19 JAN 2008 with Coxswain Mike Ungersma, Osprey.

**Public Affairs** – Nothing to report

**Public Education** – ABS scheduled for 08 MAR 2008 at PSI, Napa.

**Personnel Services** – One member currently in process of transferring from FL-39, 1 member in process of re-enrolling in Auxiliary, 1 person in process of enrolling, 1 inquiry received, in process of contacting.

**Program Visitor** – Nine program visits in February. One member wishes to qualify as PV

**Secretary of Records** – No report

**Vessel Examination** – 21 VSC's in the month of February. One member re-qualified.

**LAKE BERRYESSA SAFETY PATROL**

I am in the process of communication with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding our presence at the lake. I have submitted a detailed report of our intentions and our plans at the lake and am currently in the process of requesting access code for the main gate to the Bureau and the Sheriff's station. Further detailed report available upon request. Please contact me at any time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Curtis Han

**FC 53 Chuck McCarty:**

**Aids to Navigation** – Waiting for material from Division

**Communications** - Delta Net is operating every Monday at 1900. We are interested in getting more participation from the division, and setting up some training, perhaps with RDF units. We are also interested in exploring the possibility of adding RDF capability to Argyle Park Radio

**Communications Services** – New flotilla web site is in the works

**Information Services** – All data entered and current

**Member Training** – Continuing with crew and coxswain academy, should have a couple of candidates ready for QE's at the Division OPTREX. 3 members took the AUXPAT exam, waiting on results, 2 members passed the new AUXSC&E class. We conducted training on AUXINFO for the flotilla at the last meeting, are planning IT training for the next flotilla meeting.

**Operations** – One patrol was conducted on 13 FEB. We have experienced some problems with qualification data in AUXDATA disappearing. The most recent problem has been corrected, however it appears to be a recurring problem.

**Personnel Services** – Six members received sustained service awards. ID card processing is scheduled for the March flotilla meeting.

**Program Visitor** – working with 2 marine dealers to set up boating safety classes.

**Public Affairs** – Plans are in the works to set up public affairs booths at the Suisun Marina on a regular basis.

**Publications** – Next edition of *Delta Winds* is in preparation

**Public Education** – BS&S class began 3 March at the Solano Yacht Club. We are exploring additional classes through Solano Community college.

**Vessel Examinations** – VE Stations scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at the Suisun launch ramp, others to be arranged as needed. Next station planned for 23 MAR. Will include a Public Affairs booth at the station.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles McCarty

**FC 55 Ray Van Cleave:**

**FSO-PA** – We will be manning a booth at the Santa Rosa Boat, RV and Sport Show on April 4, 5, and 6. We will also man a booth at the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival on April 12 and 13.

**FSO-PV** – The RBSPV team was quite busy in February with 155 Program Visits and 6 new Partners. They continue to promote our PE program by distributing flyers for the upcoming GPS for Mariners Class in April.

**FSO-OP** – Flotilla 55 continues to support Station Bodega Bay with Wednesday training patrols twice a month. Additionally, we had one additional patrol during February.

**FSO-VE** – During February 4 CFVE, 1 VSC, 5 UPV, and 1 Facility Inspection were completed. One member took and passed the VE test at the PCA Training Fair and will join the team soon. We had our change of watch last month and want to thank Dan Tinney, Marlene Phifer, and Bob and Mary Smith for joining us. Oh yeah, and Phil.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray G. Van Cleave, FC 55

**FC57 Jim Blackburn:**

Highlights of the Feb. 2008 meeting:

- The flotilla meeting had the minimum required attendance for a quorum.
- The Budget Committee has not reviewed the budget for 2008 – item was tabled until the March meeting.

- Awards were presented to all those in attendance and announced for those not able to be present.
- VSC Stickers were delivered to the FSO-VE for distribution.
- REYR lists to be generated.
- QE requests require 60 days advance notice for OPTERX.
- VSC Stickers delivered to FSO-VE for distribution 1/30/08 – 50 to be returned to FLT 53
- Fourteen students completed the AUXPAT class.
- The AUXCOM class started 2/20 with 5 students.
- IS input problem again – no access!
- Mirata and Blackburn approved for 'C' School 6 May in Miami (access 'til then?)
- PATON assignments will not be out 'til late March. Bridge assignment est. same time frame
- Operations – see Bob Gallup for availability.
- Operations – Flotilla will not be participating in Wed. training sessions at Sta. Rio Vista
- **PE:** ABC class completed 1/30/08; 13 of 14 graduated.
- **PE:** OWT – March 29
- **PE:** NAV and GPS class completed. Mirata revamped criteria. Fourteen students for each class.
- **PA:** Safety Fair scheduled at Deer Valley School for March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Blackburn, FC 57

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Sanchez DCP 5

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

Two Flotilla and the Division Financial reports need an additional signature to be completed. The Division and One Flotilla will be completed at DTRAIN. The remaining report will be completed the week of March 17.

Most of the Flotillas in the Division are slow in VE's due to the lack of fishing activity and imposed closures.

The Navy League and Flotilla 6-4, Monterey, is working together in welcoming two Coast Guard buoy tenders, Aspen and George Cobb, in Monterey on March 20th. There will be a bar-b-que at the Naval post graduate school, a ride on the Aspen out to Pt. Pinos to tend a buoy and a wine reception. The trip on the Aspen will be from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you would like more information please contact Mark McLaughlin 831.728.2811 or Rod Collins 831 -706-8419.

Flotilla 6-7, Santa Cruz, had their new RDF and Radio Tower facility inspected.

### **OP**

Flotilla 6-1, Morro Bay, is gearing up for their 2 major events in May. MB has 1 event in early May where they provide a regatta patrol for a Triathlon race at Lake San Antonio. They also have a safety patrol on Memorial Day weekend at Lake Nacimiento.

### **PS**

Flotilla 6-10, Capitola, has 2 new members and their packages are being submitted.

### **PE**

ABC course planned to start on April 15  
13 week BS&S Class running in Santa Cruz  
13 week Sailing Class running in Santa Cruz  
ACN classes running in Santa Cruz and Monterey

## **MT**

Two members of Division 6 have attended the training for the new Search Coordination and Execution course and are expected to be authorized to teach the course.

## **NSBW**

Plans are being developed for the Division activities. Looking for more information on this next month,

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

Activities in the Division:

### 8-6:

- Flotilla meetings have been changed to Saturdays to allow for more time to be spent at Samoa Station for meetings, training and organization
- Planning is underway for NSBW with WO
- Jon Placido at Group to follow up on the "Blitz", part of last year's recruitment drive. Plans are to coordinate efforts with Humboldt State University and use one of their facilities
- Efforts are being made to enlist the aid of members to take leadership positions
- CG personnel, BM1 Eric Jones and BMC Stacy Brown are encouraging auxiliary members to get evolved with Watch Standing, Crew Engineering, Work on Boats, Computer assistance at Group
- Dock Walker Program training March 15 with Vivian Matuk from the Coastal Commission
- The Samoa Station computers will be available for auxiliarists to take tests and training

### 8-7:

- 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. Members also organize and lead tours through Point Cabrillo Light House (open to the public)
- The Flotilla members continues to work closely with Station Noyo River
- Their detachment at Pt. Arena continues to meet Quarterly
- The flotilla facility, Puffin, is now at Lake Mendocino and ready to deploy

### 8-8:

- Flotilla 88 continues to meet the first Saturday of the month at 1000 hours but will be moving to the Yacht Club Facility, a new location in Lakeport, April 5
- District QE Workshop was held at Clear Lake February 22-24
- Mentors have been assigned to all new members
- Sgt. Chris Rivera, Lake County Sheriffs Department, a guest speaker, encouraged auxiliarists to get involved in the OES process and work that affects Lake County
- NSBW plans include life jacket give away at Wal-Mart in Clear lake and Ukiah if the grants come through
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Feed at Noyo Station is in the planning stages, scheduled for March 19

### 8-11:

- Flotilla 8-11 and Station Humboldt Bay completed a Stand-up meeting, and the new standing rules for the operation of the Coast Guard Safe Boat 254851 were discussed with the new procedures implemented.
- Coxswain, crewmembers, and trainees are operating the USCG Safe Boat, and they are on 24/7 Standby.

## **DeeDee Kincade, DCP-11**

**Coast Guard Station Lake Tahoe** – Irene Wetzel, COMO Gail Ramsey and RCO Angelo Perata provided an 8-hour TCT class for the active duty members of Station Tahoe on March 5. 5 Auxiliarists also attended. On March 6 BM2 Adam Seasons replaced BM1 Mathew Jordan as our Coast Guard Liaison. The Station has offered to conduct a week long “Watch Standers” class in May. There is a lot of interest from the Auxiliary in becoming Watch Standers for the Station.

**Lake Tahoe Water Trail Working Group** – Ed Lyngar Nevada Dept. of Wildlife put me in contact with Sue Rae Ireland of the California Tahoe Conservancy and member of the Lake Tahoe Water Trail Working Group. The Working Group is made up of public recreation land managers and key interest groups in the Tahoe Region to develop a program for managing and supporting the Lake Tahoe Water Trail. The Water Trail is a mapped water route for kayaks and canoes supported by designated shoreline facilities. The Auxiliary has become an advisory group to the Working Group to help with growing safety issues between the motorized and non-motorized traffic on Lake Tahoe. Our vessel examiners will also help with a survey this summer to be conducted on kayak activity patterns on the Lake.

**Member Training** – Flotilla 03 completed their AUXNAV Part A class. Our SO-MT will be attending the AUXSC&E “Train the Trainer” class in Seattle in April. From the PCA Fair we have 1 new Aids Verifier and 1 new Vessel Examiner. Our SO-OP Jack Leth has completed his last AUXOP class.

**Operations** – Joint patrols with the Coast Guard are planned for the Hook, Line and Sinker Fishing Derby on the April 19-20. The Station has committed to semi-monthly training with the Auxiliary on Wednesdays and Saturdays once the facilities are on the Lake.

**Public Affairs** – Saturday March 1 Station Lake Tahoe and Flotilla 01 participated in the Snowfest Parade in Tahoe City, CA. Station Lake Tahoe is located in Tahoe City and along with the Auxiliary has participated in the parade for the last 10 years. Flotilla 03 hosted the booth at the Reno Home and Boat Show on March 7-9. The booth was manned by several members of all the flotillas. The Show was well attended and the booth showed strong activity. Flotilla 03 had their information booth “Little Toot” and their flotilla facility “The Melroy” on display at the booth. Brian Williams FSO-PA 11-04 is planning to put on a series of 5 to 10 minute TV specials on the local TV station showing flotilla members performing VEs and PE classes. Flotilla 04 is sharing a display booth with the South Tahoe Windjammers Yacht Club at the Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce EXPO on March 21 at the convention center in Tahoe Blue Hotel. A Video presentation of Division 11 activities during 2007 will be part of the display.

**Public Education** – In response to the anticipated sign-ups for boating safety classes at the Reno Boat Show, Flotilla 03 is holding an About Boating Safely class on March 15 in Reno. Flotilla 01 is conducting its first “How to Read a Nautical Chart” class on April 5. Flotilla 04 is planning to offer a GPS class to the members of the Windjammers Yacht Club.

**Personnel Services** – Flotilla 05 has one new member is AP status.

**Fellowship** – Flotilla 01 hosted a Pizza Party for Auxiliarists and Station Tahoe the evening prior to the Snowfest Parade.

## **Pat O’Leary, DCP-12**

### **Executive Summary:**

- Members of Div 12 responded to a last-minute request for speakers at a community safety event
- Planning to support a request from CALTRANS for a boating safety class.
- Planning for a combination PA/VE station to be held at the Berkley Marina.
- Planning continues to support the Simply Sail boat show in Alameda
- Several members supported the operational exercise to detect radiation

- Member Activity Nov-Dec: 1242.8 All-Mission Hours
- Next Division meeting is scheduled for Mar 27th at 7:30PM at the Executive Inn in Oakland

**PA events:**

- We received a request to pass out information at the Berkley marina on April 12th. We are going to combine this opportunity with a VE station.
- We received a request for a speaking opportunity at the Bladium Sports & Fitness Club in Alameda. Using one of our trailerable facilities as a backdrop PFD Panda gave a presentation to over 300 guests. Several Active Duty personnel stopped by to thank us for our participation. Special thanks to Roger Haynes for his willingness to step up on short notice to take care of this situation!
- Preparations continue to support the Simply Sail boat show in Alameda:
  - Scheduled Apr 16-20
  - Awaiting confirmation of a no-fee booth.
  - Multiple VE/PA Stations

**Member Training:**

- OPTREX scheduled for Apr 12-13th – This event has been opened up to all SF Bay Area personnel.
- A number of AUXOP courses are scheduled for 2008
- Working to get REYR VE's brought back to current
- Expect a number of new Instructors to be qualified this weekend

**Public Education**

- Received a request from CALTRANS for a Boating Safety Class to be held at the Oakland toll booth offices. Course is for the various boat operators and will be based on the ABS course. No firm date has been established yet.
- Flotillas have public education classes in progress continuing through the year. Schedules are in the works for the coming year:
- 12-5 will conduct a ABC course in conjunction with West Marine partnership.
- 12-2 will conduct ABC course at the Executive Inn.

**Operational Patrols and VE Station**

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

**Initiatives:**

- First OPTREX is scheduled for Apr 12-13 08
- We will be conducting several MT events in the upcoming months. Broad subjects will be AUXOP, Boat Crew and Coxswain.

**Issues:**

The SO-FN records have been recovered and we will be providing our financial reports shortly. Special thanks to F. Fisher and her team for their understanding and support in resolving this issue.

**All Hours:**

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

<b>Division 12 Activity By Category</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Total</b>
ATON - Aids To Navigation (30,31,32) 0	0	0	
AUXADMN - Aux Administrative Support (99)	777	61	838
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	26.8	0	26.8
CGADMN - Cg Administrative Support (08,92)	97	0	97
CGOPS - Cg Operational Support (07,20,22,26)	18	0	18
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support	26	0	26

(41,42,43)			
LO - Legislative Outreach	3	0	3
MS - Marine Safety	17	0	17
MT - Member Training (06)	105	8	113
UPA - Public Affairs (10)	48	0	48
UPE - Public Education (04)	44	9	53
VSC - Vessel Safety Check (91)	3	0	3
<b>All Missions</b>	<b>1164.8</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1242.8</b>

**NOTE:** Activity reported during the current month is incomplete.

Respectfully submitted  
Pat O'Leary, DCP 12

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

- Meetings: Our next meeting will be held in Modesto, Sunday, 16 March (PCA breakfast at DTrain).
- PCA Training Fair: We had an extremely successful PCA Training Fair in February (see report sent out by Gail Ramsey). Our next PCA Training Fair will be held 16-17 August 2008.
- ANNUAL PCA POKER RUN: The 2008 Poker Run will be held 26 July 2008 at a location TBA.
- D11NR Memorial PROJECT: I sent the sketches received this morning....(most send a report without the attachment...I sent the attachment without the report.) I will be looking for feedback at the PCA breakfast.

Fran Fisher, PCA President

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

The 2008 Coast Guard Mutual Assistance fund-raising campaign will run from 1 April to 30 April 2008, although contributions will be accepted and encouraged throughout the year. In the past, campaign material was sent to each FC for distribution to their members. However, in many cases, the distribution of the material was not very effective. This year, the campaign package will be sent to each Auxiliary household during the month of March. FC needs to make sure each and every member in the flotilla receives the package. Hopefully, this will greatly increase Auxiliary membership participation.

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance is the Coast Guard's own relief society, providing financial assistance to all families in the Coast Guard community, **Auxiliary families included**. Last year, Auxiliary members received a combined total of \$22,229 in financial assistance, and District 11NR contributed \$2,627 to the fund.

Our Russian interpreter Rodger Bolles got an early morning phone call on 29 February from District 5 Rescue Coordination Center Norfolk, in Portsmouth, Virginia, and provided help in communicating with a Russian Research Vessel in mid-Atlantic that was sending an EPIRB signal. Rodger was patched into the radio communications, and he spoke with the skipper of the ship. He confirmed that there was no distress and requested the skipper to turn off the EPIRB.

Attended the District 11NR and 11SR Summit on 27 February. Compared to District 11SR, District 11NR Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety program is doing very well last year, with excellent Auxiliary support.

As the active duty Coast Guard organization is changing to match new military and homeland security needs, the Coast Guard Auxiliary organization will need to change to better support our active duty counterpart. Change is a fact of life in the Auxiliary. We see changes in new programs, new paperwork, new technologies, new policies and even new partners. We need to embrace change. As District leaders, we need to learn to manage transitions to a more effective organization.

## **Steve Salmon, RCO-OMS**

### **Incident Response Plan**

On February 28, I met with LT Randy Gieben of Sector San Francisco's Contingency Planning Department to discuss integration of the Auxiliary's Incident Response and Preparedness Plan with Sector's Contingency Response Plan. I reviewed the various scenarios in our plan, and the relationship to certain sections in Sector's plan. There were no apparent inconsistencies, although LT Gieben will review it more thoroughly to determine if there are any concerns. He also suggested we might assist in the development of the tsunami and flood portions of Sector's plan. I mentioned the possibility of Auxiliarists working in the Contingency Planning Department (as they do in two other Sectors), and he seemed receptive to the idea. If DCPs know of anyone in their divisions who might be interested, I'll pass the information along.

### **DSAR**

A flyer with brief information about this year's Search and Rescue competitions has been prepared for inclusion in the DTrain registration packet. All divisions are urged to organize contests (or other procedures) to select a three-person team to represent the division in the district competition. The DSAR Planning Committee will be pleased to assist in designing divisional competitions if requested.

The district competition (DSAR) will be held at Coast Guard Island on June 7. Each division's team will receive travel orders to cover its expenses. To facilitate arrangements, each division's team should be selected by May 1.

The winner at DSAR will receive orders to attend the national competition (NSAR) at Cape May, NJ, in October.

### **Training with Small Boat Stations**

Stations San Francisco, Golden Gate, Bodega Bay and Rio Vista have now submitted plans for training with the Auxiliary on a regular basis. Stations Monterey, Vallejo and Lake Tahoe have been asked to submit their plans in March.

### **Security Demonstration at Chevron Long Wharf**

On March 11, as part of a staged demonstration, Auxiliary vessel Melody violated the security zone around the Chevron Long Wharf in Richmond. Representatives from 5 or 6 different news agencies watched as Coast Guard Cutter Tern informed Melody by radio that they had entered a security zone and needed to alter course, but Melody steadfastly carried on. Patrol boats from Station Vallejo and the Richmond Police Department then intercepted and boarded Melody, and the exercise was repeated with patrol boats from Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The Coast Guard requested Melody's assistance less than 24 hours before the exercise took place, and the crew's prompt agreement and participation were both praised and appreciated.

### **Radiation Detection Exercise**

Coxswains and crew from nine Auxiliary vessels met on Monday evening, March 10, with representatives from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the Naval Postgraduate School, and the U.S. Navy (as well as the Coast Guard) for a briefing on a radiation detection exercise planned for March 12 and 13. Each Auxiliary vessel will be equipped with a special transponder that will identify its location during the exercise. In addition, three of the vessels will have a radiation source (along with a "source manager"). The vessels will assemble south of the Bay Bridge in various formations (a line, a circle and a more loosely-organized group) while a remotely-operated vessel and a police boat with scientists on board attempt to detect and identify the sources. A follow-up exercise with a single Auxiliary vessel will take place the following day in the Delta.

### **Marine Domain Awareness Program**

DSO-MS Nick Tarlson reports that we have received approval from the Prevention Department to implement a new position entitled "Marine Domain Awareness Inspector." More information is in Nick's report, and details will be provided in a workshop at NTrain.

### **Outages at Point Sur High Site**

Three Auxiliarists received letters of appreciation from the Coast Guard for their service in standing watch at Point Sur after harsh weather in January damaged the high site there (two of them stood watch for more than twelve hours each). DSO-CM Jeff Price reports that unfortunately the site is down again (as of this writing) and the same Auxiliarists will be called on for additional service.

### **Force Integration**

The weekly schedule of aviation patrols now includes information on scheduled patrols by vessel and land-mobile facilities. It is hoped that this arrangement will encourage integrated exercises by air, land and water forces.

### **Oil Spill Response Exercise**

An oil spill exercise is being planned for the week of May 12 in the Smith River area of Del Norte County. Auxiliarists have been asked to assist with communications and public affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Salmon, RCO-OMS

## ATTACHMENT C

### DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 14 MARCH 2008

**James Duncan, DSO-AN** – No Report.

**Larry Olsen, DSO-AV** – No Report.

**Jeff Price, DSO-CM**

Here is the Communications report from the past few months. The majority of this report will be dedicated to the Districts H/F program and how this program has taken shape as well as those that already have made their names recognizable through out the PACAREA. There also are a couple of changes that some of the communicators may or may not agree with but nonetheless, it is the direction that we are going. Happy reading!

1. I have just been made aware of something new that was effective at the beginning of this year. All Land Mobile units who are tasked with responding as SAR liaisons will no longer be able to log the SAR case in POMS as "25" and get the credit for the SAR Call Out. As a result of this, the DSO-CM will now keep a full tally of all SAR related missions and report the missions via an excel file to the DSO-IS in the beginning of each year. If a SAR Call Out is issued, the ADSO/OP/LM will activate the order in POMS as a "Safety Patrol" and in the 7030 section it will be up to the individual to indicate in the "comments" section that the call out was SAR related. Again, a running active tally will be conducted through out the year so those in line for any award will not be left out.
2. A lot of effort has gone in to implementing an "integrated" association along with the Surface and especially the AUX AIR. A recent meeting uncovered a very special need for all of our Districts Operations to get to know each other while in the field. The DCO and RCO-OMS have made it very clear that this type of organized effort is in step with they way they would like things to run. The DSO-OP and myself also have signed off on this, as it would improve our communications between all who are on the water and in the air. Recently, with the help of the Sector and the RCO-OMS, we now have access to the weekly flight schedule and the AUX AIR has the patrol schedules for both Surface and Land Mobile. As we approach the summer months and the patrols get more active, we will be looking for Mobiles to drill with the AUX AIR in the areas that the Mobiles are patrolling. With this in mind, I have asked my National counterparts for permission to have some kind of identifier located on the top of the Land Mobiles (only under orders). The signs that have been requested are in the form of a circle with a blue (A) in the middle. This will help the AUX AIR folks in locating the Land Mobiles from the air because normal vehicles would not normally have these particular signs on them. Please note that if these signs are approved they WILL NOT BE HANDED OUT but rather each Mobile would need to foot the bill. This intergraded OPS detail is not just limited to places like the Delta but all over the District where Mobiles patrol on a regular basis. I would really like to thank the AUX AIR for stepping up to all of this with an open mind. The AUX AIR also noted that they would like to learn more about what happens on the ground so you may in fact see some of these folks at some of this Districts OPTREX. While on the Land Mobile Patrol, please keep your radio tuned in to VHF 21A(157.050) and listen in for the AUX AIR. If the Mobile happens to hear the AUX AIR out there, it is encouraged to radio them and let them know where you are either by geographic or LAT/LON. It is strongly encouraged to all Land Mobiles to attend any AUX AIR type of function either at DTRAIN or PCA Fair. Once we get things moving in a better direction, communicators can look forward to a joint action at a PCA fair between AUX AIR and the Communications Department that will be really fun!
3. **HELP WANTED:** A message was received by the VCP from D3. The VCP is looking for an AUXCOM for an event taking place at Folsom Lake in Folsom. The event is for the Camillia Cup Yacht Race that is taking place on 12-13APRRIL08. If you are interested in the ORDERED mission, please let me

know and I will pass your information along to the POC. The request was for (4) surface and (1) Land Mobile. You will need to make contact with me prior to placing the order in POMS just so I can make sure that the one mobile is accounted for. If you place your order ahead of time, it will be cancelled.

4. **HELP WANTED:** The Division 5 SO-CM will likely be looking for Mobile Patrols around Lake Berryessa in the Napa County area. More is to follow on this as things unfold. The same parameters apply as listed above. This is likely to go on just for the summer. Please keep in mind that all of this will also need to be approved by the RCO-OMS.
5. **BREAKING NEWS:** I am currently working with DIRAUX on something that has now turned in to something of an issue. Some Mobile Communicators in this District have been issued more than one call sign. For obvious reasons, this is now become a problem because call signs have been issued to portable radios and then to mounted radios in the car. The example would be DIRAUX Mobile 1 for the portable and DIRAUX Mobile 2 for the mounted radio. Some of the mobiles have responded to the call using one and then getting on scene and using another. So, here is what we will be working on, we will be making contact with those that have these multiple call signs and asking them to pick one. Pretty easy for some not so easy for others. Please note that you are contacting people on the other end of the radio that can be easily confused with the type of call and the multiple agencies being used and they can easily identify 2 mobiles being on scene when in fact there is only one. There is also a safety concern because if they think that 2 mobiles are on scene then they would think that they would be safe when in fact this is not the case. I am hoping that having this spelled out will not result in the throwing of some ripe tomatoes but if that is the case then I can take it!
6. Based on performance between the beginning of the PACAUXMON program in support of CAMSPAC and COMMSTA Kodiak and the end of 2007, CDR Tom Miele, CO of CAMSPAC has awarded plaques of appreciation to six of the PACAUXMON stations. All of the stations receiving this special recognition contributed more than 150 hours of monitoring time between the date they began to participate in the program and 31DEC07.

The stations recognized are:

AUXMONSTA Escondido  
AUXMONSTA Fremont  
AUXMONSTA Kennewick  
AUXMONSTA Roche Harbor  
AUXMONSTA San Pedro  
AUXMONSTA Upland

The award is a plaque and an accompanying letter from CDR Miele. The plaque not only identifies the station and the station owner, but it also bears the "Sparks" device which for many years in the CG was the emblem that identified those individuals who are dedicated to creating and maintaining reliable, accurate, and effective communications by radio throughout the world.

A photograph of the plaque is available in the "photos" section of this site in the album called "awards".

The plaques and letters are being mailed to the recognized stations this week.

This message was sent to these Districts H/F users. You will notice in the list of recipients range all over the Pacific Area but one stands out more than others. AUXMONSTA FREMONT was awarded this very special plaque and as the DSO-CM overseeing the H/F program, I would really like to thank Mr. George Datz from Division 12. George has worked tirelessly on this program and his monitoring has been greatly appreciated by all involved. George has inspired others as well. Mr. Stu Langs, ADSO-CM/MT, (also from D12) has been involved with this program as well and has been able to identify some very significant issues with the CAMSPAC transmissions. Fred Sellstrom, Guy Mallory, Desmond Thorrson and Mr. Morris farmer have also been very involved with this process. This District continues to grow with this program. We have now completed the test of the stations from the farthest east (Utah) to Wilton and the

communications were clear enough to call good. The H/F airwaves continue to improve but we are still off. I am still looking for more H/F stations, so get those boxes dusted off and get out there. Mr. Morris Farmer ADSO-CM/HF is waiting to help anyone out as well as Fred Sellstrom and myself.

7. **The Repeater update:** We have been very active in this continual mission. The repeater team has logged countless hours in getting this prepared for the next install. A while ago, this was looking pretty grim but I am very happy to report that things are getting more focused. We were set back in both January and February due to weather conditions that were out of our control. We found that one of the roads leading up to the top of one of the mountains was completely washed out. We are currently making new arrangements to get back up to the top. Things are looking a lot better. The other location that will help out D6, D4, D12 and D1 with 100% better communications was recently tested on some AUX simplex frequencies and from 5 watts the location was able to reach close to 100 air miles to Wilton in Sacramento County. This may not mean much to a lot of folks reading this but this was an incredible mission. It showed us that in the event of an emergency, we would be very well covered from all surrounding areas. This location is looking better and better for the Auxiliary. I am very hopeful that we will communicate in the very near future. In the meantime, we still have the existing system that continues to be the best augmenting tool for the Coast Guard. All of this being said, we are still working on the Lake Tahoe project and as we approach the months where we can get closer to the site that was agreed on, we will have more information but not until then.
8. **COAST GUARD HIGH SITES:** Well, the Communicators have been very active with assisting the Coast Guard with their high sites. The sites have been from the Sonoma Coast to the Monterey Coast. Each time we have been asked to help, all of the communicators have stepped up with out issue. I am so very grateful for all the members that make themselves available in the ARMS system and make themselves equally responding in record time. Recently, the comms team from D6 was activated and really took to the job. At one point we had 3 mobiles out and 1 Fixed Land Station that was up standing the watch. Sector San Francisco sent out to these members signed thank you memos that are listed in their files. It just so happened that as soon as they received this round of appreciation letters, the call came out again for the same high site. Same great people plus 2 new ones came out to help. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to the SO-CM from Division 6, as he was ready to move at a moments notice. This SO-CM has done some AWESOME work and I am very proud to work with such GREAT talent!

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 here to help you out and give you the guidance that you will need to be successful in transmitting to the system.

**ADSO-CM/HF:** 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 Mr. Love 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.

**AUX RADIO NET:** The remote base VHF Marine band transmitter and repeater are up and running. 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.

**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. We are currently experiencing some ISP issues with the following providers: Comcast, Yahoo and AOL. We are working to get these UNSPAMMED!

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.

**Individual reports by Division:**

Division 1: No report submitted

Division 3: Land/Mobile activity:

Flotilla Land Mobile Patrols as recorded in POMS:

Flotilla 3-01:	Jan = 2	Feb= 3	Mar= 0
Flotilla 3-03:	Jan = 0	Feb= 0	Mar= 0
Flotilla 3-05:	Jan = 0	Feb= 0	Mar= 0
Flotilla 3-09:	Jan = 0	Feb= 0	Mar= 0
Flotilla 3-10:	Jan = 0	Feb= 0	Mar= 0

**Events:** D-Train is scheduled for March.

**Training:**

From John Albro, Div 3 SO-MT: The AUXCOM class scheduled for Saturday 23 Feb has been postponed due to bad weather. The plan is to begin the class 22 March, also a Saturday.

Flotilla Reports as of March 5, 2008:

Flotilla 3-01: not received yet.  
Flotilla 3-03: incorporated into SO-CM report.  
Flotilla 3-05: not received yet.  
Flotilla 3-09: not received yet.  
Flotilla 3-10: not received yet.

End of Report.

Division 4: A few call outs during the past month and a half

Division 5: **Flotilla Comms reports:**

Flotilla 57:

Two radio inspections. Bill Kinsey's call name is now Diablo Mobile 2. It was Diablo Mobile 26. Bill Kinsey is teaching the AUXCOM class at Pleasant Hill Adult Education Center. AUXPAT was taught last month.

Flotilla 51:

Attempting to get Vallejo Radio 1 Operational.  
Mike Ungersma, Benicia Mobile 1, was called out 2 times:  
20-Feb-2008 Called out in an attempt to locate a possible jumper from the Carquinez Bridge and to assist the Highway Patrol and Coast Guard, until release by the Coast Guard.  
24-Feb-2008 Epirb activated. Coast Guard located it on a tugboat. Cancelled.

Flotilla 52:

See attached report.  
Mr. Han also said that he is assembling a list of all the available coxswains/crew members who are will to participate in Lake Berryessa. He would like to assemble a list of Land Mobile Facilities who are willing to participate at Lake Berryessa.  
Thank you to Michael Dohm for providing us a list of the Div 5's Land Mobile Facilities.

Flotilla 55:

FSO-CM report:  
- I have been checking in on the Aux. Radio net on Monday evenings at 2000hrs each week.  
26Feb AWO called, Sector needed coverage for Jenner Hi sight on Ch 16. I was not available when he called, but monitored Ch 16 after I arrived home.  
- 28Feb AWO called, informed me there was an open mike on Ch 16. I turned on the DF, but heard nothing. Continued to monitor Ch 16.

Division 6: Fixed Land station re-inspected by DSO-CM, HIGH SITE CALLOUTS.

Division 7: H/F activity continues to be busy.

Division 8: NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

Division 10: NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

Division 11: NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

Division 12: NO REPORT FROM SO-CM - DSO-CM reports that H/F hours are being logged as well as continual Land Mobile patrols and AWO hours.

End of report!  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff C. Price - DSO-CM 113

### **Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS**

Primary to Communication Services, is the electronic messaging possibilities which provide information for the members at large, specialty service officers, and leadership interaction. Our hosting company provides e-mail services. Currently, a possible future e-mail manager, ePostmaster, is reviewing the process for effective applications. In the meantime, we continue to face the challenges of spam, filtering systems, and spoofing which is part of current day technology.

E-mail filtering systems often block important communications. When messaging is two ways, the filtering system doesn't create a block. All members, especially those using AOL, are encouraged to send a TEST message to the district webmaster monthly to keep the filter open for @d11nruscgaux. Our hosting company notifies us when there is a complaint, usually generated by the filtering program. We are asked to remove an address off of our list, but first we request the e-mail address owner to send an e-mail to the district server address, relieving the complaint process by the filtering program.

Our website now boasts of 130 pages of information, graphics, and links for our members. The Member Services District Staff Officers have contributed much to make the recent web development successful. The Member Services site includes district services for Diversity, Civil Rights, Legal, and Awards. The Member Process page has been coordinated with DIRAUX Staff, with continued focus on the New Member Deck. Our missions continue their strong web presence and now most recent on the web; MSEP is in the initial development stage.

Just refined, the Outside Link page features focus on the link directory sites for: recreational boating safety, public interest sites, and surface operations. The headings on the Outside Link page are: Coast Guard, Auxiliary, Governmental Agencies, Services, in addition to the Quick Links on the right side blue menu bar, together they provide the information needed for qualifications and successful missions.

The district link page will serve as the content to the D-Train CS Sessions for browser users. There will be additional information regarding usages of e-mail and browser techniques. Also, there will be a live internet connection which will also be used during the web development workshops. Webmasters are invited to bring their laptops for mentoring.

Additional webmaster training was available during Past Captains Fair in February. The two day class was attended by 13 students which was challenging for two instructors. One website was published during class, with others continued development on their home computers. Several SO-CS are giving additional support to flotilla webmasters.

EXOM has supported a proposal for an annual district Best of Web award. The final draft will be submitted at D-Train. It will provide cyber award recognition to one division and one flotilla, with runner ups. Award will initialize in 2009. Winners will be submitted for the national Best of Web (BOW) award in May. For 2008, national BOW web candidates will be submitted in May. Process announcements will be sent to the April.

A major future focus for our website, will be Member Involvement Planning. This will parallel the work by Angelo Perata, RCO, to provide member information with "Who We Are." At the same time, Eric Hebert has volunteered to provide historical information about our web site development which initialized in 2000. Also, listing the store inventory and order form is planned for the near future.

Although all Division Staff Officers - CS have been active support to both division and flotilla websites, the following have offered additional information:

#### Division 4

Updates to the Division 4 member activities page is in work.  
Ken Hinners (SO-CS 4)

The Div 4 CS activities in January and February are:

- The Div 4 website has been modified for the changed officers and staff.
  - Pages modified include Index, Administration and Flotillas.
- The Div 4 useful links web page was modified based on DSO-CS comments.

Inputs from members in all areas would be appreciated for updates to:

- The Public Education, Member Training and VSC pages.

Flotilla 41 has asked for removal of its web page because it is outdated and has no CS officer to update it.

- DSO CS will be contacted to request removal of this web site from the server.
- The link to this site will be removed from the Division web site

#### Division 5

Last month, the members of the Division 5 board and Division 5 staff members were notified of the new Division 5 website. The new website was adopted and approved. Several additions were included, including email links to staff officers, links to Flotilla Calendar of Events and list of Division 5 Board Members.

Respectfully submitted, Curtis S. Han SO-CS, Div 5

#### FL-51

Website maintenance was performed. Updates added to Calendar page. CS officer is presently studying Javascript.

#### FL-52

Monthly website updates were performed. All the links in the resource pages were updated. Public Education page section was updated to include the upcoming About Boating Safety Course in March.

#### FL-53

The new flotilla web site has been revised following input from the flotilla at the last meeting, sign-on information has been received from District, and the site should be up and running by the time of the next flotilla meeting.

#### FL-55

No report submitted

#### FL-57

No report submitted

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

Our presentation at the Officer Training Workshop in January appeared to be well received. As usual it generated a number of specific inquires from the attendees. In fact, the Legal Office seems to be busier these past two months, with everything from routine matters such as contracts and standing rules, to unique events such as the Navy League letter and problems with Auxiliary ID's at Air Force bases. In response we are trying to recruit another ADSO.

For the second year in a row, the Legal Office will participate actively in D-Train, combining with the DSO-FN and the District Audit Team (of which LP is a member) to present information in a workshop forum to interested participants. At least one ADSO-LP will be in attendance as well. This year the workshop will focus on donation issues, audits and proper expenditure procedures, and is currently scheduled to be given twice in one-hour formats. And, for the first time, your DSO-LP will be presenting as a Certified

Instructor, having recently completed that qualification. In addition, we will make ourselves available throughout the conference for participants' questions and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ RAF

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

#### **America's Waterway Watch**

This counter-terrorism program is still a priority and we will be providing comprehensive training in Salon 3 after lunch tomorrow. We have obtained a display from ANSC which will be available for our personnel for boat shows and other outreach. Remind your members to incorporate our AWW message into every public education class and vessel safety check. Effective this month, we are asking every unit to report its AWW activity monthly as part of its Marine Safety report.

#### **Incident Management**

Aquatic nuisance species prevention is still a priority issue for us. Cal Boating is providing outreach and training is planned for several sites across the district, including Stockton Sailing Club next Thursday (flyer attached).

The following activities were reported by Jerry Bynum.

JAN 24 Sector / D11 - Attended design team meeting for upcoming "Smith River Drill" scheduled for May 08 in Crescent City. (My assignment: In charge of coordinating local, state & federal agency's emergency communications units for testing E.R. continuity).

FEB 12 - Co-instructing HAZWOPER for Sector Command Center.

FEB 14 - Multi agency conference call meetings design team emergency response communications planning coordination for upcoming Crescent City Drill.

FEB 28 - Safety Officer curriculum review with LCDR Manandic for upcoming FOSC training.

MARCH 03-05 - Instructed Safety Officer section of Federal On-Scene Coordinator training at CGI

MARCH 06 - PAC Area IMAT - 1-month standby status notification

MARCH 18 - Co-instructed HAZWOPER for Sector Command Center.

#### **Domestic Vessel Inspections**

On Monday, 3 March, we met with representatives of the Facilities and agreed to launch the MDA Inspector Program. This will involve members from across the district, assigned to waterfront and related communication and transportation facilities. The basic curriculum for this will be the Harbor Safety Officer PQS. Auxiliarists will be issued orders, wear the ODU uniform, and check in with the SDO when launching and securing their patrols. They will be encouraged to work in pairs, with one qualified member and one trainee. These patrols will be established and maintained district-wide, and include both targets and potential launch sites such as marinas and unattended waterfront areas, integrating our efforts with Sector San Francisco's Operation Focused Lens.

We have been asked to support the Coast Guard's oversight responsibility over the Transportation Worker's Identification Card (TWIC) program. Our members will spot check the enrollment facilities, which will be scattered across the district, for customer service issues such as wait times. This program will be staffed by MDA Inspectors and Remote Location personnel.

On Monday, 10 March, we met with representatives of the Domestic Inspections Division and received a go-ahead to launch a life-raft inspection program. This is another program which will be staffed entirely by our members and involves monthly observations of liferaft servicing activities at three facilities in San Francisco and Alameda.

Auxiliarist conducted 6 out of 13 Commercial Fishing Vessel Exams during the month of February and 11 out of 20 for the year to date. Last month's activity was primarily out of Crescent City and Bodega Bay. Our members comprise 15 of 20 qualified examiners in the region.

The Uninspected Passenger Vessel program is in full swing and a briefing on this outreach and inspection program will be offered in Salon 3 tomorrow at 1500. Vessel examiners and program visitors are encouraged to attend and participate in this program. Promotional material and target outreach contacts are attached and those interested are encouraged to assist in contacting these targets.

An Uninspected Towing Vessel training will be conducted at Coast Guard Island April 3-4 by Dick Frenzel, the national branch chief for this area from Houston, Texas. Anyone interested in participating in the program is encouraged to attend.

### **Ferry Vessel Audit Program**

We trained 34 members at the PCA Fair and have a number more who are signed up for training tomorrow. Including the 34 above, we have an additional total of 16 from the fall PCA program who remain qualified until August of this year, bringing our current total to 50. A Ferry Vessel Walkthrough is scheduled for Monday, April 7th at 1000 hours. We have a total of 5 audits to date.

### **Container Inspection**

We continue to have four qualified inspectors (and one trainee) who are operational 3-4 days a week in this important but complex area.

### **Regional Examination Center**

The Reno office is now operational and has processed four mariners thanks to Leon Borden.

Sacramento processed one mariner. The Grant Maritime program has gone dormant so the approved course audit activity has fallen off.

### **Pacific Strike Team**

Richard Celia continues to stand watch every Friday at the PST.

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

Encourage your members to participate in this program, which is intended to protect their occupational health.

### **Trident Program**

No new activity. Jerry Bynum is summarizing the existing Trident quals.

### **Other Initiatives**

Domestic inspections needs interpreters in Croatian and Vietnamese languages.

The Ship Ride program is currently operating with active-duty riders only.

### **COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT**

Steven Chan (schanhb@pacbell.net) has agreed to serve as ADSO-MT/W where he will attempt to keep a District wide member training calendar up-to-date and posted on the Member Training page of the District Web Site. If your Flotilla and Division MT Officers will e-mail a notice to Steven about any member training activities planned where members from other units are welcome, then it will get posted on the District Web Site. The initial (very rough) example is available for viewing. Many thanks are due to Irene Wetzel DSO-CS for making this facility available.

In conjunction with the PCA Training Fair in February, D11N held the first AUXSC&E class of the year. This four-day class is derived from the Coast Guard's SC&E class (taught exclusively by the National SAR School Staff) and is a replacement for AUXSAR. Despite numerous difficulties, mostly associated with the lack of printed training materials and charts and the security measures surrounding the exams,

all 21 students successfully completed the course. Steve Salmon saved the day by finally acquiring and printing the final exams.

Members who successfully completed the class and are currently IT and OPS qualified may teach the course. Since the training materials are not yet available from ANSC, the Student Study Guide, textbook, workbook, and practice plotting problems can be downloaded from the MT page on the District Web Site as PDF files. Units that desire to hold this class should contact one of the members below for assistance. Joyce Bell, Bob Peterson, Steve Salmon, Margaret Wall, Hannelore Maddox or me. The 13218 chart is required for the course.

The Coast Guard has a new e-learning site: <http://64.207.134.26/usr/moodle/>. There is a good introduction to SAR, SAR Fundamentals (e-SAR) that is available to members. Members need to use their ID number and generate a password for the site. e-SAR has three modules, which taken together make a good primer for AUXSC&E.

The <http://www.auxetrain.org> site has been shut down and users are vectored to the new D7 Director's Site that, at present, does not contain much of the training material that was present on auxetrain. The National T-Department site has some of the presentations that were on the auxetrain site. The National E-Department site has powerpoint presentations for public education classes. Flotillas and Divisions that have lost or misplaced their MT CD with the powerpoint presentations for the specialty courses may contact me for a replacement.

v/r Mike

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

**DSAR** (District Search and Rescue Competition):

Save June the 7th for D11N's District Search and Rescue Competition at Coast Guard Island. Each Division is encouraged to send a three person team (the team will be given an all expense paid trip to Alameda) for a District wide competition to determine the team that will represent us in Cape May, New Jersey for the National Search and Rescue Competition (NSAR) October 3rd through the 5th.

**PEPIRBs** (Personal Emergency Positioning Indicating Radio Beacon)

All Coxswains should have an PEPIRB. Please check the battery expiration date and contact DIRAUX (510-437-3313) or (510- 437-3590) to have the battery replaced and obtain an PEPIRB if you do not have one.

### **Boat Crew Basics**

Great article by Bob Peterson on suggestions how to "Participate in a Man Overboard Evolution as a Pointer". Just go to this link for the article; also please take advantage of the other monthly "Boat Crew Basics" articles that Bob offers. <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/surface.html>

### **TCT: Team Coordination Training: (TCT)**

Reminder, please check with your IS (Information Services Officer) for your due date for TCT. Currently all Operational members need to take the 8 hour TCT every five years and the 1 hour refresher every year. The 1 hour is waived if you take the 8 hour that year. The 8 hour TCT is offered 4 times a year during the PCA Fair which is the third weekend in February and the third weekend in August. Other classes are available during the year, if you live in an area that is not easy for you to travel to the PCA Fair and you have ten members who need the class then contact me and a TCT Facilitator will be arranged for you. Active Duty stations also offer opportunities for Auxiliary members to attend their TCT classes providing there is adequate space available.

### **Working With the Air Patrols:**

All coxswains; be alert to the possibility of radio communications from aircraft during patrols. There may be suggestions of joint exercises, or simply checking communications. The weekly schedule of aviation patrols distributed to the Air Squadron now includes information on scheduled patrols by vessels and land-mobiles during the same period.

### **AUXDATA entries for crewing on USCG Vessels**

All your time on a CG Vessel should be Mission 26, Non Lead during training period, and Trainee until training completed. All Mission 26 (Non-Lead) time is credited on the Training Status Report as Underway Hours for the 12 hours Auxiliary underway currency maintenance.

### **FEMA LINK for ICS Courses:**

I have been asked again for the FEMA Link. Not sure if has been changed and that is why some have not been able to gain access or what the problem is but here it is:

<http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>

### **PYRO on PFDs**

A question was asked about the requirement for VDS (pyro) on PFD (or life jackets as they are now referred to) of operational members. **Below is the direction from HQ:**

"The only requirements for flares are the requirements for the facility itself. Flares should not be carried on the PFD. The survival equipment that must be carried and the list of optional items are in Chapter 4 Section E of the Ops Manual. QE's should be checking the facility, including its pyro, prior to a check ride but can't require the pyro to be carried by anyone."

### **New Life Jacket Requirements for Auxiliarists**

To: ALAUX

From: CHDIRAUX

Subj: PFD Requirements -006/08

1. The Coast Guard has recently announced a soon to be implemented change to its list of approved life jackets which all active duty and many Auxiliarists will have to comply with by June 1, 2009. The only life jackets that will be approved for use in the CG Rescue & Survival Manual after the compliance date will be ones that have been dynamic strength tested to 50mph. Not all Auxiliarists will be required to comply.
2. Only auxiliary surface facilities which can exceed 35mph will be required to comply with the new minimum floatation requirement by June 1, 2009.
3. All surface facilities that do not have the capability to exceed 35mph will be unaffected and may continue to wear currently approved PFD's including the float coat.
4. All of our pierside/shore based programs will be unaffected and may continue to wear the PFDs they have now including the float coat.
5. PWCs will continue with what they have been approved to use with no changes. None of the CG 50mph dynamic tested PFDs listed in the manual are for use with PWCs.
6. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information.
7. Internet Release and Distribution is Authorized.
8. CG-542, sends

### **REYR**

*If you are in a REYR status and you have completed what ever discrepancy put you in REYR; what do you do now?*

Contact the DIRAUX office and asked to be taken out of REYR. The DIRAUX Office is the only one who can remove a REYR. But be prepared to show proof of the completion documents (e.g. 7030 showing hours, ICS completion email, QE check ride sheet, NAV Rules score, etc...). You must show proof before DIRAUX can take ANY action.

*What if you didn't complete the 1 hour TCT Refresher last year?*

Complete this year's 1 hour TCT Refresher or the 8 hour TCT course and send the DIRAUX Office the proof of completion.

Always call the DIRAUX office first before sending any documents. The staff may not know you are in a REYR status and therefore won't know to remove it.

**A Question; Where's my Boat?!?!?!?:**

Division 7 wants us all to know why they are not currently on the water.

Photo taken of Elliott Moses in February 2008



**2008 Underway Time:**

<b>Mission Hours as values</b>	<b>ATON - Aids To Navigation (30,31,32)</b>	<b>AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)</b>
<b>11NR - Div 01</b>	0.00	139.40
<b>11NR - Div 03</b>	0.00	197.60
<b>11NR - Div 04</b>	0.00	98.90
<b>11NR - Div 05</b>	1.00	186.80
<b>11NR - Div 06</b>	0.00	6.00
<b>11NR - Div 07</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>11NR - Div 08</b>	8.70	166.40
<b>11NR - Div 10</b>	0.00	6.50
<b>11NR - Div 11</b>	0.00	28.90
<b>11NR - Div 12</b>	5.00	26.80
<b>11NR - Div 99</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>11NR - Eleventh Northern</b>	<b>14.70</b>	<b>857.30</b>

**Current List of Operational Events in D11N for 2008:**

2008	UNIT	LOCATION	CONTACT
APR 12-13	OPTREX DIV 12		POC: DIV 12 SO-OP
APR 19-20	OPTREX DIV 5		POC: <a href="#">Phil Sanchez, DCP 5</a>
MAY 1-4	OPTREX Flotilla 39	Antlers, Lake Shasta	POC: <a href="#">Charlie Duncan</a>
MAY 30-JUN-1	OPTREX DIV 1		<a href="#">POC: Skip Erickson SO-OP</a>
JUN 7	DSAR	Coast Guard Island	POC: RCO Steve Salmon
JUN 20-22	OPTREX Flotilla 33	Radio One Sac River	POC: <a href="#">Dean LaChapelle</a>
SEP 12-14	OPTREX Flotilla 39	Lake Oroville	POC: <a href="#">COMO Mike Maddox</a>
OCT 11-13	TIE-OUT Flotilla 88	Clear Lake	POC: <a href="#">Betty Strach FC 88</a>
OCT 24-26	OPTREX Flotilla 3-10	Brannan Island	POC: <a href="#">Cal Faulkner</a>

**Roger Haynes, DSO-PE**

**WEB SITE:** There is a new PE national site that is friendly. It has links to the class PPT downloads and the eLib. Yes, you may connect from the Auxiliary National site (Departments, PE) or go directly to <http://www.cgauxed.org/>.

**COMPLETED:**

In 2007 D11N recorded 2,726 instructor lead hours for PE. YTD 2008 we have 350 hours recorded. These classes resulted in the following graduates:

	ABC	BS&S	GPS	NAV	Other	Sailing	State	Youth	Total
2007	564	247	133	84	40	26	583	3,066	3,152
March 9, 2008	61	21	0	3	32	0	0	6	117

Sailing Skills & Seamanship now available. Instructor aids D/L from eLib.  
Navigation text revised estimated availability now April 2008

**PLANNED:**

Classes planned during the remainder of 2008 per the district PE web site. Obviously more are yet to be scheduled but the numbers reveal an acceptance of the ABS class I did not expect even last year.

	ABS	BS&S	GPS	NAV	Other	Sailing	State	Youth
2008	21	14	6	6	4	2	N/A	N/A

Scheduled a BS&S class for Cal Trans bridge workers involved in boat handling. In the past they wanted a tailored Boating Safely entry level class. This time they agreed to go upscale with the BS&S, and the NASBLA certificate was a significant factor in their decision. Class will be April 7 – 9 with 11 students.

**Report Status:**

- Div 1 Received.
- Div 3 Thanks for spreading word about BS&S replacement slides available at DTRAIN.
- Div 4 Using Craig's List to promote classes.
- Div 5 5-7 reports not entered in Auxdata due to IS issues.
- Div 6 No Report emailed out of state at this time.
- Div 7 No Report.
- Div 8 No Report.
- Div 10 No Report.
- Div 11 No Report but email discussion of some issues.
- Div 12 Received.

End of report

**Richard Thomas, DSO-PS**

There has been a significant drop in National Inquires thus far this year and we have had less than three dozen national inquires to date.

District wide there are approximately 20 new members in process.

I recieved 3 additional request for flotilla NACO awards during March and processed 3 disenrollments.

I have prepared presentations for D-Train presentations.

On going support given to a variety of questions that were emailed to me during the month.

Continued to work on PS committee ideas for recruitment.

Nothing else to report.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Thomas  
DSO-PS

**Phillip Grove, DSO-PV**

Div 10 reports 86 visits.  
No other reports received.

Local Statistics (visits):

	PYTD	YTD	NET CHANGE
DIV 01	103	30	-123
DIV 03	67	4	-63
DIV 04	50	75	+25
DIV 05	38	294	+256
DIV 06	23	11	-12
DIV 07	67	0	-67
DIV 08	29	19	-10
DIV 10	380	227	-153
DIV 11	0	0	0
DIV 12	0	0	0
Totals	757	710	-47

PACAREA Statistics (visits):

D11N	D11S	D13 (OR&WA)	D14 (HI)	D17 (AK)
710	235	288	8	0

(statistics shown from AUXINFO through February 2008)

The staff for 11NR Program Visitor (2008):

Gary Murray ADSO-PV 05-05 (member retention).  
 Bill Correll ADSO-PV 10-03 (certificates & awards).  
 Rod Rollins ADSO-PV 10-06 (technical support).

Phillip Grove DSO-PV  
 groventer@aol.com.

**Michael Lauro, DSO-VE**

**DIVISION STAFF OFFICER ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM: February 2008  
 - DIVISION 1 SAN FRANCISCO NORTH (Richard Saber SO-VE)**

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 1-2 Reports 36 VSC's                      Flotilla 1-4 Reports 26 VSC's  
 Flotilla 1-5 Reports No VSC activity              Flotilla 1-7 Reports 19 VSC's  
 Flotilla 1-9 Reports 5 VSC's

**Summary of activities conducted in this period:**

Flotilla 1-2 held VSC weekend at Corinthian Y.C. & Paradise Cay group 9-10 February.  
 Flotilla 1-4 CANCELLED VSC day (20 boats) due to problems with UPV interpretation.  
 VSC total above reflects 2 passed Facilities

**Activities planned for the next 30 days:**

Flotilla 1-4 had to cancel a 20 vessel planned inspection due to new interpretation of fleet being considered UPV's by MS. This greatly hampered an opportunity. There is a definite need for UPV training to correct this deficiency.

**VSC COUNT YTD: 98 VSC COUNT PYTD: 61**

**- DIVISION 3 CENTRAL VALLEY (James Goff SO-VE)**

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 3-1 No Report Submitted                      Flotilla 3-9 No Report Submitted  
 Flotilla 3-3 No Report Submitted                      Flotilla 3-10 Reports No VSC activity  
 Flotilla 3-5 Reports 2 VSC's

**Summary of activities conducted in this period:**

Sacramento flotilla handled the Surf and Turf Boat Show. Many VSC cards were provided. Attempted to contact the FSO-VE officers who filed no report, but all three had their emails returned as invalid addresses. Plan to announce at the February Division meeting that all Flotilla Commanders must have their FSO-VEs provide their reports and valid email addresses.

**Activities planned for the next 30 days:** Flotilla 3-5 has scheduled a dozen VSC's to be performed on the boats of the U.S. Geological Survey in Sacramento. Also, Flotilla 3-5 will be holding VSC stations at Discovery Park the last Saturday of every month from March through August. All Division 3 vessel examiners are invited to attend.

**VSC COUNT YTD: 2    VSC COUNT PYTD: 0**

**- DIVISION 4 SAN FRANCISCO SOUTH BAY (Joaquin Duran SO-VE)**

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 4-1 No Report Submitted                      Flotilla 4-3 No Report Submitted  
Flotilla 4-6 Reports no VSC activity                      Flotilla 4-8 Reports no VSC activity  
Flotilla 4-9 Reports 12 VSC's

**Summary of activities for this period:**

Flotillas 4-6, 4-8 and 4-9 have started distributing forms, pamphlets, and decals to their VE members. Flotilla 4-9 has a new VE, Jim Higuchi, who passed the VE exam at the recent PCA Fair. Jim is pending the 5 supervised VSCs, which will be scheduled for early March. Congratulations Jim !!!.

Meeting on 2/26 with Flint Glines, ranger at Calero Lake, to discuss plans for combined effort at the lake this boating season. VSC Plan for our Division was approved at regular meeting on 2/27/08.

**Activities planned for the next 30 days:**

A training day has been scheduled for all VEs on 4/5/08. Preparing a set of guidelines for general operations at these locations. Flotilla 4-6 is planning a VSC event on March 30th 2008 in the Redwood City area.

**VSC COUNT YTD: 47    VSC COUNT PYTD: 47**

**- DIVISION 5 SUISUN BAY (Robert Smith SO-VE)**

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 5-1 Reports 1 VSC                                      Flotilla 5-2 Reports 18 VSC's  
Flotilla 5-3 No Report submitted                                      Flotilla 5-5 Reports 1 VSC, 4 CFVE, 5 UPV's  
Flotilla 5-7 Reports 12 VSC's

**Summary of activities conducted in this period :** Continued VSC effort.

**Activities planned for next 30 days :**

VSC Event at Vallejo City Ramp on 3/15/08. Flotilla 5-1 reports a scheduled VSC station March 15th at Vallejo City Ramp. Flotilla 5-5 reports a new examiner-Ron Kram. Congratulations Ron !!! Flotilla 5-7 reports a VSC Station scheduled mid-May at Rio-Vista.

**VSC COUNT YTD: 30    VSC COUNT PYTD: 21**

**- DIVISION 6 MONTEREY BAY (Stan Wolfberg SO-VE)**

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 6-1 No VSC activity, 3 operational facilities                      Flotilla 6-4 Reports 1 VSC  
Flotilla 6-7 No Report submitted                                      Flotilla 6-10 Reports 1 VSC, 3 CFVs

**VSC COUNT YTD: 8    VSC COUNT PYTD: 7**

**- DIVISION 7 UTAH (Riley Turpin SO-VE)**

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 7-2 Reports 3 VSC's.                                      Flotilla 7-3 Reports no VSC activity.  
Flotilla 7-8 Reports no VSC activity.                                      Flotilla 7-6 Reports no VSC activity.

**Summary of activities conducted in this period:**

Set-up a PA booth at the Utah Boat Show on Feb. 20 thru 24. Several people interested in having a VSC. Their names were taken for future contact.

**Activities planned for the next 30 days:** Assisting Utah State Parks booth @ the Sportsman Expo on Mar. 13-16. More VSC inquiries expected from this show.

**VSC COUNT YTD: 6    VSC COUNT PYTD: 0**

**- DIVISION 8 NORTH COAST (Douglas R. Pohlson SO-VE)**

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 8-6 Reports No VSC activity      Flotilla 8-11 Reports no VSC activity

Flotilla 8-7 Reports 1 VSC                      Flotilla 8-8 Reports 2 VSC's

**Summary of activities conducted in this period:** Cold & Rainy Weather this month, but with Salmon Season open in Fort Bragg area, boats are going out. Crescent City and Eureka weather has been poor. Clear Lake weather and boat activity is starting to improve.

**Activities planned for the next 30 days:** Flotilla 8-7 reports the Whale Festival Auxiliary Booth at Point Cabrillo Light station will open 4 days in March. NSBW plans continue at all Flotilla's

**VSC COUNT YTD: 3    VSC COUNT PYTD: 0**

**- DIVISION 10 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY (Mike Lauro SO-VE)**

Vessel Safety checks:

Flotilla 10-2 reports 157 VSC's (Jan. and Feb.)      Flotilla 10-3 Reports 23 VSCs

Flotilla 10-4 No report submitted                      Flotilla 10-5 No Report Submitted

Flotilla 10-6 12 misc.VSC's

**Activities conducted this period:** Spring VSC stations are commencing at Lake Camanche on March 1st, and March 8th and Don Pedro. VSC station dates have been established at both facilities for the summer. Flotilla 10-03 reports 23 misc. VSC's performed. 2/16 Tony Leonardi and Bill Correll did Vessel Safety Checks for Mike Lauro's Favorite Bayliner Club at the San Joaquin Yacht Club in Bethel Island. Mike was working at the PCA and has been doing safety checks for the Club for many years. A very pleasant bunch of people.

**Activities planned for next 30 days:** 10-02 reports VSC events planned at Camanche and Don Pedro Lakes. 10-03 reports Blessing of the Fleet planned for April at Stockton Sailing Club. Most of in house training will be going on in March. Future dates include: April 5th – 'Blessing of the Fleet' @ Stockton Sailing Club, April 26th – VE/PA booth at B&W Marina and Resort, May 3rd – Boat Festival VE/PA Booth @ Delta Marine Services, Stockton, May 10 - Paradise Pont, May 17th – Hogan and May 18th – B& W. Marina & Resort. Flotilla 10-06 reports still in the planning stage for scheduling stations at our lakes.

**VSC COUNT YTD: 254 VSC COUNT PYTD: 257**

**-DIVISION 11 SIERRA (Ray Ellen Wise SO-VE)**

Reports no activity this month. VSC events planned at Lake Tahoe in forthcoming weeks.

**VSC COUNT YTD: 0    VSC COUNT PYTD: 4**

**-DIVISION 12 EAST BAY (Richard Scheuerman SO-VE)**

Vessel Safety Checks:

Flotilla 12-2 Reports 15 VSC's                      Flotilla 12-3 Reports 13 VSC's

Flotilla 12-21 Reports 6 VSC's                      Flotilla 12-91 Reports 6 VSC's

Due to bad weather, event at Ballena Yatch Club postponed for following weeks.

**VSC COUNT YTD: 31    VSC COUNT PYTD: 27**

**-VSC Calendar**

-NSBW-National Safe Boating Week-May 17th to May 24<sup>th</sup>.

-VSC Mega-Weeks- ENTIRE month of June.

-Vessel examiner Class at the PCA Fair August 16th and 17th-Coast Guard Island.

**-District Statistics\***

**YTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 421\* PYTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 503\***

We are **6%** of the District goal of 7,500 VSC's and **84%** of 2007 production. Stats from AUXINFO\* indicate that 165 or 39% of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition 164 or 39% are High Risk VSC's.

\*As shown in AUXINFO thru February 2008.

### **-District/National News**

In the continuing evolution to provide information to assist both the new and experienced vessel examiners, there have several NEW additions and updates on YOUR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>.

1st, I've also asked Irene Wetzel DSO-CS to add my link to the AUXINFO page instantly showing Division/District VSC activity. This page is updated every Monday morning. By simply clicking on the AUXINFO link, you will have local VSC production instantly available. Simply: If you LEFT click on your Division, it will show Flotilla activity. If you LEFT click on the Flotilla, it will show you individual flotilla member activity. There is a wealth of additional information available on this page.

2nd, 2 new power points and the Facility Manual Supplement to the VE Manual have been added to the Vessel Examiner page: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html> They can be found under: "Qualification and Study Opportunities". The 1st is: The 1st is: VSC Review on Power Point and the 2nd is: Facility Review on Power Point. In addition, the manual is also located under: D11NR VESSEL EXAMINER INFORMATION.

3rd, the "How to Perform a VSC on a PWC and How to Perform a VSC on a SUB" have been refreshed reflecting new information.

4th, is a recent photo of Bill Correll and Tony Leonardi from 10-03 along with the Sacramento Bayliner Club mugging for the camera proudly displaying their recent VSC decals. In the works is a photo page and many new features. If you have any VSC related photos, please send them to me. With over 1050 views in the last 3 months, the site is apparently being used as an informational resource for which it was designed. If you have ANY ideas or suggestions, please let me know.

### **Coast Guard to Emphasize Life Jacket Wear**

A key outcome of the Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety program is to reduce loss of life on the water. A major component of that program is to convince boaters to wear their life jackets while on the water. Various media campaigns have been utilized in the past without a major shift in the desired outcome.

A Vessel Safety Check (VSC) provides the vessel examiner an opportunity to educate the boater on the value and importance of life jacket wear. During the VSC, the criteria for selecting, sizing, and inspection of life jackets is reviewed and demonstrated to the boater.

Public education courses are another venue to demonstrate the variety of life jackets available. Of paramount interest is the inflatable life jacket which offers the boater a comfortable and reliable life saving option.

Public affairs activities, such as safety exhibits at boat shows, provide another venue to illustrate to the public the variety of life jackets available in the market place.

The Coast Guard's Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety firmly believes that our vessel examiners, public educators and public affairs representatives should be role models for life jacket wear and are encouraging them to wear their life jackets during vessel safety checks, public education classes, and public affair events. As an incentive for demonstrating the "right behavior" on and around the water, inflatable life jackets branded with the "**Wear It**" logo will be made available (on a loner basis) to each Flotilla.

Inflatable life jackets will be distributed to local units, which will be responsible for the custody, maintenance, and utilization of this equipment and annual reporting of the local inventory through respective chain of command to the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, Program Operations Branch (CG- 54222). The expectation is that they will be leveraged to provide the maximum possible exposure to support the wearing of life jackets. Source: Peter Urgola, DC-V

The newest edition of For Safety's Sake, Volume I - 2008 has been released. This new issue was released on February 26th and is available for downloading or viewing from YOUR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html> . Or from the National V Departments Newsletter page at: <HTTP://SAFETYSEAL.NET/NEWSLETTERS/>. In this issue is: The 60th Anniversary Winner, New Outreach Opportunities, Wear It: The Theme for 2008, Coastal Warning Display Signals, VSC Mega Weeks and more!

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following students who passed the Vessel Examiner class held at the recent PCA Training Fair over the weekend of February 16th-17th.

Kathi Karish 03-03	Kenneth Nash 03-09
James Higuchi 04-09	Ronald Kram 05-05
Deana Mc Allister 08-08	Harmen Lyzenga 11-05
Robert Niccum 12-03	

Please provide assistance to help these future examiners complete their qualification! Thanks to everyone especially Joaquin Duran ADSO-VE who provided assistance to support the class. Please recommend new members for the August class!

### **Congratulations to ALL the following examiners who have performed 40 or more VSC's during 2007 and have qualified for STARS certificate signed by the National Commodore:**

Richard A. Saber 01-02	Robert J. Aston 01-04
Diana R. Serchia 01-05	Phillip M. Cannon 01-07
Stephen R. Salmon 01-07	Robert A. Albain 03-01
Charles M. Duncan Jr. 03-09	Hannelore Maddox 03-09
George T. Cusak 03-10	Paul S. Verveniotis 04-06
Jeffery L. Wilcox 04-06	Joaquin P. Duran 04-09
Mark Mushet 04-09	Michael F. Nolan 04-09
Charles C. Lafferty 05-01	Curtis S. Han 05-02
Charles E. Mc Carty 05-03	Wilfred A. Sumner II 05-05
Gary N. Murray 05-05	Shirley C. Maxson 05-05
Jim D. Blackburn 05-07	Paul K. Clausen 05-07
Scott L. Galloway 06-07	Charles A. Poplinger 08-07
Michael J. Lauro 10-02	Joseph M. Madden 10-02
Michael A. Rafatti 10-02	Anthony D. Leonardi 10-03
Marion A. Rider 10-03	Phillip E. Grove 10-06
Leslie J. Pearlman 11-01	Keith A. White 11-03
Rickey A Thomas 11-05	

The certificates will be presented to the Division Captains at D/Train for future presentation.

Please share this report with your FSO-VE's and local examiners. In addition to other important information, you can always find a copy on the District website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>.

As always, if I can be of ANY assistance to any DCP or SO-VE, I hope there will be no hesitation to contact me. Working together we can once again make D11NR one of the top VSC performers nationwide for 2008!

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Lauro DSO-VE  
Joaquin Duran ADSO-VE

### **Neil Nevesny, CRC**

No Civil Rights issues have been reported to the CRC in the last two months.

I am in the process of planning updated Sexual Harrassment Training for D11N Flotillas.

I will be attending Civil Rights training at the San Francisco Federal Building from 18 to 21 March.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Nevesny, CRC