# MINUTES DISTRICT 11NR TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING 20 May 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1900 PDT by DCO Mike Williams.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR called the roll, and DCO Williams declared that a quorum was present. The attendance list is as follows:

DCO Mike Williams Angelo Perata, COS COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/ARCO-P Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES Robert Hendry, DCAPT-RBS Rodney Collins, DCAPT-SPT CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 Jerry McAlweee, DCDR-4 Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5 Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 Monica Eaton, DCDR-10 Dee Dee Kincade, DCDR-11 Charlie Duncan, P-PCA

# DCO REPORT

DCO Williams reported as follows:

- If there are any further evaluations regarding D-Train, please e-mail them to DCO Williams right away so they can be considered as planning for 2010 D-Train begins.
- Mike Lauro is a member of the committee that is working on VSC book update. Lauro has also been involved in a life jacket exchange event with Bass Pro Shop.
- If any DCDR's have concerns they would like to have addressed at the upcoming NEXCOM meeting, send them to DCO Williams no later than 1 June.
- NSBW events are currently going on. Make sure pictures are being taken, and submit them with the NSBW report.
- During Memorial Day Auxiliarists are encouraged to show the flag as much as possible. This is one of the big holidays on the water.
- The September board and staff meeting at Coast Guard Island will be on 12 September. That date is posted on the district calendar. The date has been moved up in order to get the orders reimbursement requests processed before end of fiscal year.

# COMMENTS - COMO Vic Connell, ARCO-P

- The NEXCOM meeting is 4-7 June. COMO Connell would like to hear about any items you'd like to have addressed. Submit your items to DCO Williams.
- National is working on enhancing appeal of flotilla leadership. This is the most important leadership role in the Auxiliary. We will be discussing this at our next meeting, and will be looking at ways to improve the appeal.
- An ALCOAST bulletin which came out today included a document entitled "Publication 1" which is from the Commandant. It contains details about the Coast Guard doctrine now. This document is recommended reading, particularly for Auxiliary leadership.
- There are a lot of changes in the Auxiliary coming up this summer. On 1 June ForceCom will be stood up at Coast Guard Island. There will be both Forcecom and PacArea for awhile until Congress completes its approval process. There will be a lot of changes coming up when the modernization is approved, which will change the National leadership structure. There will also be new leadership changes on the gold side.

# DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Williams called for district board reports as follows:

<u>Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). The division held a very successful OPTREX. They had excellent QE's, and did a lot of requals, plus several new qualifications. There are a lot of NSBW activities. The division has just completed the 8-hour TCT class.

Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3 – Excused. Report on file (Attachment A).

<u>Jerry McAlwee, DCDR-4</u> – Report on file (Attachment). The division is involved in several NSBW activities, and we have focused on working with partners for these. They presented an ABS Class for Santa Clara County Vector Control. The Sea Partners class has also been presented and was very useful. Membership recruiting is going well. Marine safety observation program is being worked. Memorial Day military tribute event; McAlwee has a few tickets left if anyone is interested in attending. The division has had several burial service requests. We will be presenting a new member orientation course.

<u>Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). The division OPTREX was devoted to training, which was provided by Coast Guard personnel at CG STN Vallejo. The training was very successful. The Flotillas had goals of recruitment and are beginning to see some membership growth. One new member was actually recruited at D-Train.

<u>Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). An invasive species workshop was presented on 5 May. We worked with several California departments on the workshop. It was a nice introduction for us. FL 06-04 in Monterey has challenged STN Monterey to a Navigation Rules knowledge competition.

Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7 – Excused.

<u>Richard Thomas, DCDR-8</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). NSBW activities are being provided by all flotillas. FL 88 was recognized by Board of Supervisors during NSBW. Eureka worked with Coast Guard in a parade. We have been helping one Coast Guard member get crew qualifications. We do joint training with the crew of the *Dorado*. We are also working with Department of Fish and Game. We assisted with shore clean-up in Lake County, and had some call-outs during May.

<u>Monica Eaton, DCDR-10</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). The division spent two days with Pro Bass shop helping with the fitting of life jackets. We also did some staff training so they could help customers fit the life jackets. Our OPTREX included personnel from Army Corps of Engineers, who were particularly interested in the MOB training. We will have a PA booth at the Grizzlies game.

<u>Dee Dee Kincade, DCDR-11</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). We are continuing to work with Coast Guard STN Lake Tahoe to provide training and joint operations. The Division meeting had over 40 people in attendance. NSBW activities are highlighted in the report. Lake Tahoe water levels will not be coming up much this year.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 - Excused.

<u>Charlie Duncan, P-PCA</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). The Poker Run will be 25 July. There will be a \$6 registration fee to help cover costs. There has been no memorial work to be done. The next PCA Fair will be in August. A new instructor is a former NOAA employee who will teach summer weather and cloud formations. We are discussing other classes for the PCA fair. The Standing Rules have not passed yet.

<u>Wayne Farnholtz, DCAP-RES</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). The air squadron is flying again. During visits to stations, with Steve Salmon, ASC, watchstanders is something all stations expressed a need for. We have 8 candidates, who will be screened by the stations. Anyone else wanting to be involved should contact Steve Salmon. The Operations program is going great.

<u>Robert Hendry, DCAP-RBS</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). Hendry expressed thanks to the DCDRs for all of the NSBW activity. Now, please follow through with your reports. We have a very short time frame to coordinate and submit our district report on NSBW activities. Hendry has been working with the marine safety observation mission program. A formalized training program is now available, and he will let the Coast Guard know that people know what they're doing. Your MS officers are key to the program. AWW is not at the point where it needs to be yet. Please check with your divisions and see what we can do to get better participation. Our help with the Delta water safety program has been requested by the state of California. Get your people involved again.

<u>Rodney Collins, DCAP-SPT</u> – As you are submitting NSBW reports to the PA committee, please submit them to the *Northwind* also, with lots of photos.

<u>Angelo Perata, COS</u> – Perata commended the DCDRs for all of the work going on in their divisions.

<u>CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX</u> – CDR Chareonsuphiphat had a great visit at Lake Powell, where he helped with the training of new officers. The Navy League Award will be presented soon. Roger Haynes and his division are doing a great work with the lighthouse on the Admiral's residence.

<u>CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO</u> – Nothing to report.

# OLD BUSINESS

<u>NSBW</u> – DCO Williams reminded all of the divisions to get their NSBW reports submitted as soon as the week's activities are over.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

DCO Williams reported on the following new business items:

- OPEX/OPTREX Dean LaChapelle is the coordinator for scheduling of OPEX/OPTREXs.
- QE's and Requals Make sure all of the paperwork has been completed before a QE is requested. Flotillas are encouraged to get member requals done as soon as possible.
- September Meeting Elections A letter from Nominating Committee will go out to all qualified members inviting them to submit their name for nomination.

- Web and IT Issues The glitch with web has been taken care of. Irene Wetzel has done a great job there.
- Please thank your members for all the work they are doing.
- The new report format we're using for district reports is working very well.

# ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2000 PDT.

# NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is a telephone meeting on 17 June 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

# ATTACHMENT A

# DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING 20 May 2009

# Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1

<u>HIGHLIGHTS</u> (since last report e.g. Public Affairs, Member Training, Vessel Exams, Operations, Public Education, etc.)

- 1 Several PE classes underway
- 2 Flotilla 12 completed review of Standing Rules.
- 3 Member training courses continuing
- 4 Division OPTREX May 2 & 3 was a huge success
- 5 Participated in "Opening Day on the Bay"
- 6 Flotilla 17 continues to work with Air Station SF on helo ops on a weekly basis
- 7 Two facilities participated in radiation exercise with Station SF
- 8 Flotilla 17 held a Safety Booth with VSCs at South Beach Harbor
- 9 NSBW activities underway

### DETAILS

- 1 SS&S class underway at Flotilla 12. Flotilla 14 just completed BS&S, and has another starting this month. Two Flotillas have BS&S classes underway, GPS class also underway
- 2 Flotilla 12 Standing Rules are being sent up the chain of command
- 3 Division OPTREX held May 2 & 3 at Richmond Marina Bay was a huge success despite the challenges of the weather. 44 Auxiliarists attended during the weekend. 5 facilities participated. 4 coxswain were requalified, and 1 new coxswain was qualified. Three crew were requalified . QEs included: Eric Jacobsen, Margaret Wahl, and Mark McLaughlin. In addition to QE checkoffs, dockside and on the water training was also provided to several crew trainees. Other events included a lecture on Imersion Hypothermia, the TCT and OPS workshops, and a CPR class. On Sunday we provided a Safety Day for the marina offering an information booth, lifejacket display and VSCs Steve Salmon did an amazing job coordinating the event.
- 4 Two additional new coxswains were qualified during the week before our OPTREX
- 5 AUXPAT course is currently underway at Flotilla 14; AUXNAV offered by Flotilla 17 beginning 30 June; AUXSC&E is scheduled for June 12-14 *and* June 19-21. 8hr TCT course was offered
- 6 Flotilla 19 called out for 76' trawler into the San Mateo Bridge.
- 7 First weekend of NSBW- activities included Safety Booths and VSCs at Loch Lomond YC, South Beach Marina and the Brisbane Marina. Plans for the weekend of May 23 & 24 include safety booths/VSCs at OysterPoint Marina, and Pier 39.

# AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- 1 Continue to cross-train with Station Golden Gate, Air Station San Francisco, and Pacific Area Training Team
- 2 Flotilla 14 conducted two ABC Boating Safely classes for the Marin Municipal Water District, and have been asked to come back and conduct the class for the remainder of their staff.

# UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- 1 BBQ/Picnic celebration for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CG Auxiliary-June 20. To include recognition of those Auxiliarists who have been members 10 years or more.
- 2 Participate in the Novato 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade- July 4
- 3 Division 1 Baseball Day at the Giants- August 2

### **DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS**

- 4 Continue work on America's Waterway Watch- finish Phase I and implement Phase II
- 5 Work on member retention: integrate retention into every program and activity we do as a Division, and encourage each Flotilla to assign mentors for new members. Plan to provide new member orientation as a Division.
- 6 Enhance member training by providing OPTREX and at least 3 of the AUX-OP courses
- 7 Increase number of hours being submitted by Auxiliarists

# Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Antlers OPTREX
- Camellia Cup Race
- Air Squadron back
- NSBW Opening

### DETAILS

- The ANTLERS OPTREX at Lake Shasta came off with another exception event. About 25 boat crew Members from three Divisions were Re-Qualed or Initially Qualified. Night Navigation and SAR were conducted under realist conditions, three days of heavy rain and a moonless night. The inclement weather did not dampen the training program which sloshed on despite a 5 inch rain fall.
- On the same week end, on Lake Folsom a safety patrol of four facilities and a PWC Fac. Monitored the Annual Camellia Cup Sail boat Regatta and race with out incident.
- Flotilla 31 and the Air Squadron are moving back into the skies of San Francisco Bay and The Delta.
- NSBW was opened in Sacramento's Discovery Park at the confluences of the American River with the Sacramento. Representatives for C.G. Station Rio Vista, The Sacramento City Police Marine Unit and Sacramento County Sheriffs Department's Marine Unit were there with their facilities on static display, as was the Sacramento City and Sacramento Metro Fire Departments small Fire Boat and the Drowning Accident Rescue Team, D.A.R.T. displaying their equipment and providing Boating Safety information. Cal. Dept. of Boating and Water was there with the Dock-walker's and Life Jacket Exchange. Radio Station 101.1FM broadcasted from their mobile transmitter entertaining DSO VE Mike Lauro and several Division 3 Vessel Examiners as the conducted Courtesy Vessel Exams for over 50 boater. It was a very busy 6 hour event.

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

• Working with the Folsom lake Ranger and planning for the up coming Memorial day week end on Folsom Lake. As well as Shasta, Whisky Town Lakes and their freezing effluent s.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- The JAZZ FESTIVAL starts this Friday morning with a parade at 1000. Flotilla 3-10 will have a facility in the parade as will Station Rio Vista.
- The Month of May will end with the Air Squadron's AETC training at USCG Air Station Sacramento.

#### Jerry McAlwee, DCDR-4

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1. NSBW Multiple Venue Activities Focus on Partnerships
- 2. Recruiting Efforts
- 3. Marine Safety Observation Mission (MSOM) Training Coordination
- 4. AWW/Sea-Partners Conference Attendance
- 5. Interpreter Corps Support of DHS for H1N1 Flu Communications
- 6. Operation Care and Comfort Color Guard & SF Giants Tickets

- 7. Memorial Day Ceremony Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose
- 8. BAS Ceremony Opportunities
- 9. August PCA "New Member Orientation" Course 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.

# **DETAILS**

- 1. NSBW Venue Activities
  - 1 West Marine San Carlos parking lot VE/PA with a Patrol Facility Display
  - 2 Lake Anderson VE/PA, Surface Patrol, & Land Mobile Display 4 members
  - 3 Lake Calero VE/PA 6 members
  - 4 PE ABS for 24 Techs of Santa Clara County Vector Control Division 5 members participated in holding this course. AWW Program Video and Discussion – AWW decals provided for all their facilities.
  - 5 Officer Snook/Sea Partners Focus PA Article Written
- 2. Recruiting Efforts
  - 1 Joint recruiting effort at San Jose City College Career Fair with CG Recruiting Office 22APR
  - 2 Several SCC contractors received briefing on career opportunities in USCG and volunteer opportunities in USCGAUX.
  - 3 New member training underway in FL48
  - 4 New member application being prepared for submission by FL49.
  - 5 One Div4 FC & One VFC completed application for CG Reserve
- MSOM Div4 SO-MS has been tasked to coordinate support and training with Div1 SO-MS for this program as no insertion point risk targets were assigned in the Div4 AOR. Assignment to Duty and other questions have been answered by District Legal and ADSO-MS.
- 4. One member attended the Sea-Partners/AWW conference in San Diego on May 8 & 9. MEES PQS progress was significant and a TTT curriculum is being coordinated with the SO-MS. Further, a PCA MEES class has been proposed for the Feb 2010 PCA. Invasive Species PE support kits now available to check out from ANSC. New Robotronics made Officer Snook costumes coming soon for check out from ANSC plan ahead and get request in ASAP. School teacher curriculum plans for environmental protection available for all grades.
- 5. Interpreter Corps two members assisted USCG HQ International Port Security Program in translating two ISPS Questionnaires from English to Chinese. A member also reviewed a translation of a Chinese CDC H1N1 flu prevention message for the DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties to be used on their website. A potential new member with Albanian/Croatian language fluency was briefed on new member application process and provided sign-up materials.
- Memorial Day Military Tribute Game at AT&T Park tickets are available. Please have members contact [mcalwee@yahoo.com] by Saturday, 23May if they can attend in uniform. Other game tickets available for future dates will be announced. Note: A Coast Guard Gold Side member will be part of a Combined Color Guard Team for this game.
- 7. Memorial Day Service at Oak Hill Memorial Park San Jose: A request was submitted for Coast Guard Color Guard Support for this ceremony. Auxiliary members may be in attendance at event. This is also an opportunity for Auxiliary to interface with Boy Scouts as they participate in flag placement and removal for the ceremony.

#### http://www.sccc-scouting.org/files/2009\_Memorial\_Day\_Flag\_Placement\_Flyer\_000.pdf

- 8. BAS Ceremonies in the past month we have received three requests from former Division member to establish an agreement for a BAS service following their "Passing Over The Bar." We are contacting the EPA and making appropriate arrangements to be in compliance with both family requests and legal regulations for this process.
- August PCA Course we will again support the August PCA and provide instructors for several classes including the newly popular "NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION" class which focuses on Etiquette and Courtesies. This edition will also include information on Auxiliary History and our Role in Team Coast Guard Modernization.

#### AGENCY INTERACTION SUMMARY

Red Cross – AFES, Operation Care and Comfort, Color Guard PA Coordination Navy Reserve, Force Protection – San Francisco. No new activity to report. Santa Clara County Parks – VE/PA event plans underway, NSBW Success! Santa Clara County Vector Control – ABS class and AWW provided to 24 techs! Port of Redwood City – no new activity Menlo Park Fire – BS&S Class being scheduled

### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

PE

- FL43 BSS June/July TBD
- FL46 WKN for Sequoia Yacht Club Requested
- FL48 BSS First Cong Church, SJ 17SEP 12NOV (THUR 1830-2130)
- FL49 SSS at Silicon Valley Red Cross: 08JUN –10AUG (MON 1830–2030)

**OPS/TCT** – Carl's Jr on First St, San Jose: 27MAY (WED 1900–2130)

# Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1. OPTREX well attended
- 2. Public Affairs Events held
- 3. Vessel Examiners out in force
- 4. Surface Operations continue in support of CG Stations
- 5. Public Education classes throughout the division

### DETAILS

- The Division 5 OPTREX was held on Saturday, May 2, at CG Station Vallejo with 30 members attending including several new members. Station personnel conducted training sessions on PIW recovery, Line Handling/Marlinspike, Firefighting, Radio Communications, and Search Patterns. Two Aux facilities participated in night operations training, and Station personnel conducted a flare shoot with expired flares donated by members. The Division hosted a cook-out at the end of the day for participants and Station personnel.
- Several Public Affairs events were held during April including one in which FL57 members assisted CG Station Vallejo personnel with a safety presentation at the Pleasant Hill YMCA. "Coastie" was present as an added highlight to the day's activities which included safe boating tips and life vest use.
- 3. Vessel Examiners were busy in April. Several new VEs were qualified, and a total of 147 VSCs and 4 CFVEs were completed.
- 4. In spite of poor weather conditions that caused the cancellation of several patrols, the division managed 15 missions in support of CG Station Bodega Bay and CG Station Vallejo.
- Public Education classes were once again held throughout the division. FL51 held a GPS for Mariners class at Solano College; FL53 completed a BS&S class at Solano Yacht Club; FL55 completed a GPS for Mariners and Chart Reading class at the Petaluma Yacht Club; and FL57 completed an ABS class at the Pleasant Hill School.

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Flotilla 55 is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide comprehensive RBS assistance at Lake Sonoma, including Safety Patrols, VE Stations, and Public Affairs events during the busy summer months.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

Numerous events are planned for NSBW. Nearly every boat ramp and marina will have VE stations and/or PA booths, and every waterway in the AOR will have safety patrols, including Bodega Bay, Lake Sonoma, San Pablo Bay/Petaluma River, Lake Berryessa, Suisun Bay, and the western delta.

# Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Members of USCG AUX Division 6 The California Department of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's and Boating Clean & Green Program, the California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the UC Sea Grant Extension Program, Moss Landing Harbor District, and Save Our Shores participated in an Invasive Species Workshop which was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Moss Landing Harbor.
- 2. Flotilla 6-1 provided their annual assistance to the Wildflower Triathlon at San Antonio Lake. Flotilla members crewing facilities provided area safety zone patrols for the swimming portion of the triathlon.
- Flotillas 6-4 and 6-7 will perform a regatta patrol for the annual KE KAI O'UHANE MEMORIAL DAY outrigger canoe race. The races will be held on Monterey Bay May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The race courses are from 5 to 10 miles in length with one course rounding the Pt. Pinos Bouy. Land mobiles will also be participating.

# DETAILS

- 1. Flotilla 6-1 is currently teaching the SS&S course in Morro Bay
- 2. Flotilla 6-4 is currently teaching AUSPAT for member training and is starting SS&S for PE at Station Monterey
- 3. Flotialla 6-10 is currently offering BS&S for PE
- 4. Flotilla 6-7 will be teaching AUXCOM for member training and SS&S for PE
- 5. Flotilla 6-4 has sworn in two new members
- 6. The Monday night AuxNet radio call out is continuing. Last Monday night's call out had 10 participants responding including Station Monterey comms and USCG Cutter Tern.

# AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- 1. Commander Chareonsuphiphat and CWO Kilburger visited Station Monterey meeting with CO Lt Kahle and AUXLO BM1 Strickland and DCDR McLaughlin
- 2. A challenge has been made between Flotilla 6-4 and the staff of Station Monterey involving a NAVRULES knowledge competition. The challenge consists of an unofficial/informal Navrules based question test and the losers buy beer and pizza for everyone.
- 3. Flotilla 6-1 is continuing their second Saturday of the month training with Station Morro Bay

# UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

NSBW events to be held at Santa Cruz Harbor and at the Santa Cruz West Marine store. May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 will be facilitating the events. The robotic "Coastie" will be performing on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. These events have been well advertised by the FSO P-A officer, David Hodges.

NSBW events to be held at Monterey Harbor on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. These events will be coordinated with activities being carried out by USCG Station Monterey. These will include demonstrations of the 47 ft MLB and the 25 ft RB-S. A helo demonstration has been requested of Air Station San Francisco. A Coast Guard recruiter will be attending with information to hand out to interested individuals. Flotilla 6-4 will have a booth with boating safety information and qualified VE s will be available for anyone requesting a vessel safety examination.

# **DIVISION GOALS**

Retain current members, recruit new members. To have more interaction, communication, shared events and training between the flotillas making up Division 6. To mentor new members and to continue to provide training for current members. To continue our excellent rapport with USCG Station Monterey and USCG Station Morro Bay.

# **Richard Thomas, DCDR-8**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

Crescent City Eureka Fort Bragg Lake County

### DETAILS:

#### **Crescent City**

Flotilla 8-11 has primarily dedicated their time during the early months to crew qualifications for their primary function of patrols and SAR cases. As mentioned before, this flotilla has several members that are dedicated to this function and have training meetings every Wednesday evening. They also have teams that stand-by 24 hours a day.

They are near completion of having "all" their qualifications completed for this year which, unlike, Auxiliary Crew members, they are required to have 20 hours underway for day ops and 5 hours of night training. This training includes search patterns, watering pump drills, trailering and launchings, first aid and CPR qualified. In addition, they are now being required to pass physical requirements, for example, walking a mile within 15 minutes or swimming 200 yards in 12 minutes – per MOU – Standing order number 21.

Helen O'Connor will be putting on a special training session for the flotilla on Coastie operations.

During Safe-Boating week, the flotilla had visual contact with the public by doing VE's.

On Memorial Day Monday – The flotilla will take a flower wreath out to sea and drop it off on the ocean some two miles out from shore. This is the annual "Flowers for Fisherman's Wives" – The events start with shoreline ceremony that is a remembrance by the wives of men lost at sea. A wreath of flowers is ceremonially taken by the local Sea Cadets and presented to the Auxiliary, who then take it to sea.

#### Eureka

Flotilla 8-6 has three new potential members that are considering processing into the Auxiliary. The flotilla has a newly qualified PV member and during May has established four new locations for materials to be displayed. During May the Flotilla completed 25 VE's and have three members that are near fully qualified as VE's examiners.

Flotilla Commander Thom O'Connor has completed three BS&S classes during the past eight weeks with the most recent being for a joint class of Sea Cadets and Boy Scouts.

The flotilla took up a collection for funds and donated the money to Samoa Station to the family of the unfortunate loss of a Coast Guard personnel who accidently drowned in a recreational accident. Additionally, the Flotilla has decided to include the dangers of recreational swimming in river environment during public education classes as a result of this loss.

During Safe Boating Week the flotilla had visibility along the dock areas and did VE's.

#### Mendocino

Flotilla 8-7 did dock walking and VE's during National Boat Safety week. Member Ken Reynoldsen recently qualified as a crew member.

Member Gregg Stephens recently qualified and is currently crewing on a 47 at Noyo River Coast Guard Station.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> the Flotilla sponsored a tour of Cabrillo Light House and had 70 guest and good exposure to the public.

### Lake County

Flotilla 8-8 has completed three weekends and on-going vessel exams at various locations around Clear Lake. The Flotilla had on-water training for VFC Dane Hayward who is moving toward coxswain rating.

The flotilla had a successful rummage sale in Lakeport and covered the Heron festival with flotilla coverage and public information table.

During the kick-off of National Boating Safety week, the flotilla was honored and provided a proclamation by the Lake County Board of Supervisors for the accomplishments of the Flotilla. VE's and Safety Boat Regatta assistance was provided by the flotilla on two different weekends.

### **Up-Coming/Events**

Coastie Training Crescent City – Date to be arranged. – Crescent City May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Public Education Class – Lake County May 25<sup>th</sup> – Flower Wife Wreath to put to sea – Crescent City May 27th - Division Board and Staff Phone Conference - (May 30th Garberville meeting cancelled in lieu of phone conference. Memorial Day Weekend - Lake Patrols - Lake County Memorial Day Weekend – Dock appearance and VE's – Fort Bragg June 6<sup>th</sup> – Centennial VIP day at Point Cabrillo Light House – Mendocino County June 10<sup>th</sup> – Point Cabrillo Light House lighting ceremony – Mendocino County June 12<sup>th</sup> – COW – Noyo River Station – Fort Bragg

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Point Cabrillo Lighthouse Open-house – Mendocino County

# **AGENCY INTERACTIONS:**

8-6- Auxiliary members marched with the Coast Guard personnel in the Rhododendron Parade - Eureka 8-11 – May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Individual crew training help for one Coast Guard personnel trying to qualify as crew member on the Dorado.

8-11 – May  $6^{th}$  – Joint on water training with the Dorado Crew 8-11 - May  $9^{th}$  – On water training joint exercise with Fish and Game

8-8 - May -2009 - Assist Lake County with shoreline clean-up.

8-8 – May -2009 – Assist Sheriff request for response and assist capsized catamaran boat during Regatta.

8-8 - May -2009 - Request from Northshore Fire Department for assistance at Blue Lake from overturned Safeway Tractor-Trailer that plunged into the lake.

8-8 – May 2009 – Completed Ferry boat Audits requested by DIRAUX as mentor for District Captain from 11South.

# **DIVISION GOALS:**

No New Goals- as stated in original report

# Monica Eaton, DCDR-10

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- NSBW plans
- Member training planned Nav rules class and AUXWEA
- **Public Education**

# **DETAILS**

- All Flotillas have plans for NSBW
- 10-02 is planning a VSC station at Don Pedro They are going to participate a "Catch a Smile" for handicapped children A Life Jacket booth at the Bass Pro Shop The "Just Wear It" boat is will be in Sacramento VSC's will be done on the Houseboats on Don Pedro
- 2. 10-03 will have a VSC station at B&W marina
- 3. 10-05 the Fresno Board of Supervisors has declared May Safe boating month May 22 they have 500 water safety bags to distribute at Grassley Stadium
- 4. 10-06 will have patrols on Kiawah, Millerton, and Pine Flats. A VSC station will be at the marina at Millerton Lake
- Mike Maddox came to Visalia to teach the Nav Rules class April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There were 4 present for the class. I want to personally thank Mike for his time and effort to teach the class. An AUXWEA class will be taught June 13<sup>th</sup> place to be announced. There are 7 working on Boat Crew or Coxswain this summer.
- Flotilla 10-03 had an ABC class with 4 persons passing. All other flotillas are either teaching the ABC class or the 6 lesson BS&S this month.

# AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- An OPEX was held at Lake Kaweah in April. They invited the Army Corps of Engineers to participate in rescuing "Bob". They returned to shore and traded personnel so everyone got a chance to rescue Bob. Pictures were taken and a CD was given to the Rangers.
- Flotilla 10-05 has been working with the Fresno Water Board to promote safe boating week
- April 25<sup>th</sup> was opening day for the Stockton Sail Club. Over 20 VSC's were done

# UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- OPTREX at Millerton Lake is planned for October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- All Flotillas' are planning PE classes and putting out schedules for them.

# **DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS**

- OPTREX Identify those members who need on-the-water training as well as those who need to equality as crew or coxswain and plan training sessions. Specific dates have not been set.
- 2. Member training Members from all Flotilla's were requesting training. Plan: Establish dates sites, and instructors for the training. Consider changing future Division Meetings to accommodate this.
- **3.** NSBW –Plans are in progress.

# DeeDee Kincade, DCDR-11

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1. Hook Line & Sinker/Ken Hembree Classic Fishing Derby
- 2. Joint Presentation with CG at Tahoe Maritime Museum
- 3. Walt Genest Memorial Tree Planting
- 4. NSBW TV and Newspaper Presence
- 5. Lake Tahoe Water Trail Committee Spring Paddle Event
- 6. Tahoe Donner Association ABS Class
- 7. VSC Day at West Shore Locations
- 8. Undersea Voyager Project Launch Day
- 9. RFO Readiness Training with Station Lake Tahoe
- 10. Watch Standing Classes
- 11. SAR Picnic

- 12. BM2 Adam Season Farewell "Pizza" Party
- 13. Pyro Exercise
- 14. Mike Brown Splash-In Seaplane Event

# DETAILS

- At the request of Station Lake Tahoe Flotilla 11-03 and 11-01 provided regatta patrols for the Hook Line & Sinker/Ken Hembree Classic Fishing Derby on April 18-19 at Pyramid Lake, NV. We had 2 facilities on Saturday and 1 one Sunday. Full Comms were also provided both days for the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary and Washoe County Marine units.
- 2. The Coast Guard and Flotilla 11-01 gave a presentation on the history and the role of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary on Lake Tahoe at the Tahoe Maritime Museum, Homewood, CA on April 23.
- 3. The Coast Guard and Flotilla 11-01 provided a marine escort for the scattering of ashes on April 25 for Walt Genest, a 24 year member of Flotilla 11-01. The escort was followed by the planting of a memorial tree at Station Lake Tahoe. The Auxiliary, the Coast Guard cadre and family and friends of Walt and Robyn Genest attended the event.

### National Safe Boating Week Activities

- 4. Boating Safety articles were placed in area newspapers around Lake Tahoe. Flotilla 11-04 placed boating safety spots on the local South Lake Tahoe television and radio stations. 1000 coloring books with crayons were given to the Tahoe Maritime Museum's Children's Program.
- 5. The Lake Tahoe Water Trail Committee invited Flotilla 11-01 to participate in their Spring Paddle Event again for the second year. This event was held on May 16 at Sand Harbor, NV. Auxiliarists provided a booth with safety materials, gave a safety talk on cold water immersion and paddle craft requirements before the attendees left the beach and an extended safety presentation during lunch. Over 90 kayakers attended this popular event.
- 6. Flotilla 11-01 conducted an ABS class to 18 employees of the Tahoe Donner Association's Beach Club Facility on May 17 in Truckee, CA.
- 7. On Saturday, May 23, Flotilla 11-01 will be hosting a VSC Day at the Meeks Bay Marina and Obexer's Marina in conjunction with the West Shore Association's Opening Day festivities.

# AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Along with inter-agency activities for 1, 2, 3, and 5 above:

- 1. The Coast Guard and Auxiliary provided safety zone patrols at the launching of the Undersea Voyager Project submersible on April 30 held at the Tahoe Keys Marina in South Lake Tahoe, CA.
- 2. Flotilla 11-01 provided eight separate two-boat training patrols for the Coast Guard in preparation for their RFO on May 6-8. An Auxiliary facility also participated on the day of the RFO "on-the-water" event as a recreational vessel in distress.
- 3. The Watch Standing "Train the Trainer" Workshop continues with our final class on May 21.4 Watch Standers will be initially qualified with 3 more to follow.
- 4. The Auxiliary was invited to the Coast Guard's annual SAR Picnic on May 15. Law enforcement agencies, salvers and other emergency response agencies meet at Station Lake Tahoe to discuss the upcoming boating season. Coxswains from the Lake Tahpe flotillas came to meet those who they will be working with on Lake Tahoe.
- 5. Division 11 gave a Farewell "Pizza" Party our Auxiliary Liaison BM2 Adam Season on the evening of May 18 at Station Lake Tahoe. Over 40 Auxiliarists and the Coast Guard cadre attended this event.
- 6. The farewell party was followed by a shortened Division meeting and an evening pryo training conducted by our Auxiliary Liaison BM2 Season. Adam demonstrated various types of pyro devices.
- 7. The organizers of the Mike Brown's Seaplane Splash-In has invited Flotilla 11-01 and 11-03 to provide safety zone patrols for the Memorial Day event. Seaplanes fly into the west shore of Lake Tahoe for a barbeque. Flotilla 11-01 will be providing communications for the event coordinating the marine and air units.

# UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

1. May 23 - VSC Day at Meeks Bay and Obexer's Marinas, West Shore Lake Tahoe

- 2. May 25 Mike Brown's Seaplane Splash-In, Homewood, CA
- 3. June 6 ABS Class Flotilla 11-03/05, Reno NV
- 4. June 6 Suddenly In Command Class Flotilla 11-01, Incline Village, NV
- 5. June 6 GPS for Mariners Class Flotilla 11-04, South Lake Tahoe, CA
- 6. June 6 Booth at Zephyr Cove Flotilla 11-04, Zephyr Cove, NV
- 7. June 13 VSC Day Flotilla 11-01, Tahoe City Marina, Tahoe City, CA
- 8. June 13 Kids Free Fishing Day Flotilla 11-03, Sparks Marina, Reno, NV
- 9. Jun 19-21 Concours D'Elegance Wooden Boat Show, Carnelian Bay, CA
- 10. June 20 Southern Cross Sailboat Race Regatta Patrol
- 11. June 20 Tahoe City Paddle Fest Regatta Patrol
- 12. June 21 Concours D'Elegance "Roar Off" Regatta Patrol
- 13. June 27 VSC Day Flotilla 11-01 Ski Beach, Incline Village, NV

### Charlie Duncan, P-PCA

Poker Run:

July 25<sup>th</sup> will be the date for the poker run at Brannan Island, after a long discussion with Gary Lyons head of Brannan Island, and paying an application fee of \$35.00 and deposit of \$100.00, we can now have our poker run. There will be a \$6.00 entry fee for everyone. So save the date and your money. We will be in the **Olympic Area spots 103 & 115.** Anyone needing a spot for Friday night can call Reserve America @ 1-800-444-7275, the price is \$37.50/night. For \$20.00 you will be given coffee, or tea, and a fabulous Dinner Menu which will be New York Steak or **Angelo's** famous Chicken, Charlie's famous baked beans, French bread, salad, beer and wine, soft drinks, and a lot of prizes including Broken Anchor and Bent Prop Awards and maybe a few engraved wine glasses, or coffee mugs, and classic wine made by Charles Shaw.

#### Memorial:

Starting in June Como Gail Ramsey and Fran Fisher will be doing more talking to the Gold Side on the Memorial Site on the Island.

PCA Fair for August:

Weather will be taught in August by a gifted instructor Brenda Belongie, who is a former NOAA and NWS employee, and now works for the USFS as a meteorologist. She has taught her classes for the last 27 years all over the Western United States and is very knowledgeable on the subject. Brenda will be teaching a 2 hour class for Flotilla 39 in Redding in June on Summer Weather, and Cloud Formations.

We are discussing other classes to be given at the August Fair like basic crew and coxswain. Standing Rules:

They are tabled for the rest of the year. Division 11South passed theirs, with no dissention, so when National approves this change, I will try to get them passed again.

# Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1 Discipline Document
- 2 Contingency Response Plan Outline
- 3 Contacts with DSO-AV, DSO-OP & DSO-COM
- 4 Division 3 Meeting and OPTREX at Shasta
- 5 Meeting with CG AUXLO, Watchstanders
- 6 CG Station Visits

#### DETAILS

- 1 Requested approval to distribute finalized draft of disciplinary procedures guidelines.
- 2 Requested approval to distribute finalized Response Organizational Chart.
- 3 Had conferences with DSOs Operations, Aviation and Communications.
- 4 Aviation going through stand down and standup to assess safety concerns. A number of the pilots have been cleared to fly after an interview with the order issuing authority at the air station.

- 5 Stations are requesting communications Watchstanders. We have 12 candidates that can start with the interview process at various stations now.
- 6 Met with ASC Steve Salmon to arrange for Station Golden Gate visit.
- 7 Division 3 CDR recommends and DCAPT endorses a new Division for Flotilla 39 and its Attachment providing certain commitments are met.

### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Sector SF AUXLO, Station's AUXLOs and associated Patrol Area Coordinators

### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Plan to visit Stations Golden Gate and Lake Tahoe soon

# **DISTRICT CAPTAIN'S GOALS & FUTURE PLANS**

Distribute Discipline Guidelines document and encourage its use. Attend as many Division meetings as practical. Further promotion of flotilla and division Contingency Response planning. Visit remaining CG Stations in District 11NR Encourage installation of Auxiliary Watchstanders at each Station

# Robert Hendry, DCAPT-RBS

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1. Continuation of planning for National Safe Boating Week activities.
- 2. Assisted in developing the process for Marine Safety Observation Missions.
- 3. Participated in the formation of a Delta Task Team.
- 4. Assisted Division 5 in organizing investigation and research process for accepting donation of a potential facility.
- 5. Distributed final draft of measurable goals for the District 2009 Plan

# DETAILS

- 1. Advising on availability of materials, life jacket display and other issues regarding the annual promotion.
- Developed a document to be signed by individuals trained in MS-OM. This document spells out the dos and don'ts, relationship to AWW, the process for recommending changes in patrol routes and references legal protection outlined in the AUXMAN.
- 3. The Delta Task Team is underway under the leadership of Bill Kinsey. Plans for summer activities are being developed/
- Clarified the investigation process for Division 5 and assisted in resolving questions posed by interested parties. Consulted with the DSO-LP and advised Division 5 on necessary steps for them to accept a vessel as a donation.
- 5. Made a final distribution to EXCOM only of the Measureable Goals as approved.

# AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Phone and email contacts with CA Dept of Boating & Waterways

# **UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

1. National Safe Boating Week – May 16 through May 22.

# PERSONAL GOALS

- 1. Support Divisions with National Safe Boating Week Events
- 2. Assist Divisions in launching major campaigns promoting America's Waterway Watch program
- 3. Attend two meetings and one event for each Division assigned
- 4. Assist fellow EXCOM members and perform tasks with professionalism and goodwill.