# DISTRICT TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING 19 August 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:

#### PRESENT:

DCO Mike Williams
Angelo Perata, COS
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/ARCO-P
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES
Bob Hendry, DCAPT-RBS
Rod Collins, DCAPT-SUP
CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1

Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3 Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5 Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7 Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 Monica Eaton, DCDR-10 Dee Dee Kincade, DCDR-11 Charlie Duncan, P-PCA Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

#### DCO REPORT TO BOARD

DCO Williams reported that the following candidates have been nominated for the offices of DCAPT: Rod Collins, Wayne Farnholtz, Charlie Duncan, Dick Hoelle, Dean LaChapelle and Steve Salmon. Elections will be conducted at the District Board and Staff Meeting on 12 September. Additional nominations may be made from the floor the date of the election. Candidates nominated from the floor will need to provide documentation of qualification when nominated.

# COMMENTS - COMO Vic Connell, ARCO-P

At the NACON meeting in Chicago the Commandant will be presenting the new National structure to align with the Coast Guard modernization. Details will be forthcoming. This new realignment will not affect districts, divisions or flotillas. It will be for National elected officers and staff, only.

# **REPORTS**

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment A). The upcoming Division OPTREX will be at Berkley Marina. Steve Salmon won the division's Auxiliarist of the Year. VSCs are up 50% from last year. FL-14 is planning to do an ICS-210 tabletop exercise.

<u>Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). We are having our 2<sup>nd</sup> OPTREX with FL-39 at Whiskeytown. Lake Oroville and Shasta waters are way down. The scheduled 1-million boat float only attracted about 24 boats. However, our work with AuxAir was very helpful. It was a great training exercise. LaChapelle described lessons learned during the exercise.

# Judy Esteban, DCDR-4 - Absent

<u>Ray VanCleave</u>, <u>DCDR-5</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). VanCleave met with new OIC at STN Vallejo to explore ways the Auxiliary can work with the station. STN Bodega Bay announced that station personnel

have qualified as boat crew on the 25' RBS. They wanted to thank Auxiliary for all the training done with them.

<u>Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). The Division COW will be changed from November 14 to November 15, due to availability of facilities. The division hosted an exchange student from the Denver area. The student was qualified to stand comms watches. While standing a watch, he handled a MAYDAY; and because he was an EMT, he also acted as a first responder.

<u>Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). The division completed an OPTREX at Strawberry, with 21 candidates.

<u>Richard Thomas, DCDR-8</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). The Crescent City Coast Guard boat was out all day today under the supervision of the Coast Guard for physical qualifications. Eureka has web site up.

Monica Eaton, DCDR-10 – Report on file (Attachment A). In July the division has completed 64 VSCs, 3 PA booths and 1 ABC class with 24 students. They have been doing a lot of OTW training, and have one person ready for QE sign-off.

<u>Dee Dee Kincade, DCDR-11</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). The Division is continuing to be involved in a lot of training. Thomas J. Nuckton, MD, MS, Critical Care Attending, Sutter Health System, San Francisco, CA, gave a fascinating presentation on his research of cold water immersion hypothermia. Kincade would recommend him for a possible presented at a future D-Train. The division has been very active with OTW patrols and other summer activities. Kincade expressed appreciation to Mike Lauro for his training of new VEs.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 - Absent. Report on file (Attachment A).

<u>Charlie Duncan, P-PCA</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). We had a record-setting August PCA Fair, with over 200 attendees. Thanks to COMO Gail Ramsey for her final chairmanship of the PCA Fair. The new Chairman will be Mary Kirkwood of Division 1. All DCDRS – it's now time to join the PCA. Send your membership dues to Marilyn McBain who is PCA treasurer. We are still waiting for a meeting with the Gold Side to get a location for the memorial.

<u>Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). Regarding OPTREXs, please have only one person requesting QEs when the OPTREX involves more than one flotilla. Request should include candidates' names and member numbers, and make sure the candidate is ready.

<u>Bob Hendry, DCAPT-RBS</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). Hendry has added our current status on goals report to his Goals and Objectives report. Two areas that need work: PVs and AWW public visits. DCDRs, please see what you can do in those two areas. Hendry sent an email to DCDRs to inventory your VSC decals, but received a response only from Division 11 indicating they were able to redistribute within the division.

<u>Rod Collins, DCAPT-SPT</u> – Collins has been working with divisions of his responsibility. There are a lot of great things going on in the division. Don't forget to share photos and articles for the next issue of the *Northwind*.

<u>Angelo Perata, COS</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). Perata attended the Division 7 OPTREX at Strawberry. He will be spending more time meeting with divisions. He will also be participating in a radiation detection program.

<u>CDR Dave Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX</u> – CDR Chareonsuphiphat spent some time with Division 11 over July 4<sup>th</sup>. He also visited Crescent City, Division 8 and the Division 7 OPTREX in Utah. He just completed two weeks of PA training. We have a new COS, and he has been meeting with him. Tina Perry was recognized by Navy League for her outstanding work in the DIRAUX office

<u>CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO</u> – Attended Division 7 OPTREX and took a lot of video that he would like to turn into a training video. We will be getting PPE equipment to Auxiliarists in Utah. CWO Kilburger taught a class at the PCA Fair in marlinspike. We have a lot of QE sessions coming up. He will be attending NACON.

**OLD BUSINESS** 

None

**NEW BUSINESS** 

<u>DSO-PA</u> - DCO Williams reported that he will be asking our DSO-PA to prepare a PA press release of unit elections which can be used to publicize units in their local areas. DCO Williams encouraged members to submit items for awards at D-Train.

<u>Division Election Dates</u> – DCO Williams reminded DCDRs to get dates to your DCAPT right away. He must attend, and needs to be able to make plans.

<u>COW Dates</u> – If you haven't set a COW date, to please do so.

<u>Finance Audits and Dues Billing</u> – Make sure that if your division owe dues, they have been paid. If they aren't paid, you won't be able to vote.

<u>D-Train</u> – Will be looking at a possible long-term location. If you have any suggestions for speakers, let the event planner know.

FINAL COMMENTS

Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7 –

- Is there a way to get ICS-210 training for new members coming in?
- Some of the newly-qualified crew candidates would like to patrol. How can we tell if they are in AUXDATA and/or POMS? DCO Williams asked Hoelle to send him an email with names of candidates and he will forward it to DIRAUX to check.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

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#### Attachment A

# Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1

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

- Many members attended the PCA Fair
- 10 members participated in Easter Seal's 9<sup>th</sup> annual I "Day on the Bay" for 300 disabled citizens.
- SS&S class scheduled to start mid-August
- Three Flotillas have BS&S classes about to start
- Boat Crew classes and sign-offs continue
- Continue planning for our Division OPTREX October 3. Will be held with Division 12
- Boating Safety booth at the San Francisco Marina for National Marina Day
- ICS 210 tabletop exercise planned
- Vessel Exams are up 36% from last year for the Division

## **DETAILS**

- Easter Seal "Day on the Bay" included CG helo demonstrations, a 47ft CG cutter, demonstration from the Tiburon fireboat, and included members from the Navy and the media
- Flotilla 12 to hold SS&S class
- Flotillas 14, 15 and 17 have BS&S classes starting in the next month, Flotilla 17 also has GPS for Mariners underway
- AUXNAV class completed, several members continue to prepare for boat crew QE sign-offs at OPTREX
- Division OPTREX planned for October 3 at Richmond Marina Bay. To include opportunity for onthe-water training and practice, requals, NAV Rules and TCT refresher courses, boat crew skills check-offs and night SAR exercise. On-the-water exercises to include practice getting a PIW onboard each facility safely. A fellowship activity is also being planned (BBQ). Division 12 joining us.
- Several members participated in National Marina Day by providing boating safety information at the San Francisco Marina on August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Flotilla 14 planning to hold an ICS 210 tabletop exercise at their September meeting. To include scenario, with the expectation that the facility is the only one on-site for 15-20 minutes.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- Continue to work and cross-train with Station Golden Gate, Air Station San Francisco, and Pacific Area Training Team
- Flotilla 14 to provide additional boating safety classes for the Marin Municipal Water District
- Worked with Easter Seal Society

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

OPTREX October 3@ Berkeley Marina Bay

# **DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS**

- Continue work on America's Waterway Watch- finish Phase I and implement Phase II
- 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.
- Enhance member training by providing OPTREX and at least 3 of the AUX-OP courses
- Increase number of hours being submitted by Auxiliarists

# **Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3**

# <u>HIGHLIGHTS</u>

- 1. OPTREX
- 2. INLAND LAKES
- 3. AUX ACTIVITY
- 4. MEMBER TRAINING
- 5. AGENCY INTERACTION

## **DETAILS**

- 1. Flotilla 39 has added a second OPTREX at Whiskey Lake In September 25-28. The POC and Date are on the District Calendar
- 2. Lake Oroville will have very limited access very soon. Shasta and other northern lake are still active as is Folsom and the Sacramento River.
  - 3. 245 VEs have been conducted in July VE's and 22 RBS visits reported.
  - 4. The Division presented an APC Class in July, Past Commodore McBain Instructing. An Instructor Development Class will be presented in August or September, as will an MSOM Orientation Class. In October a AUXCOM Specialty class will be presented and in November the Division will present an ADV. NAV Class

## **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- 1. We have a Comm. Watch Standers routinely assisting Station R/V.
- 2. Aux Fax Crews working routinely with Sacramento P.D., State Park Ranger, Yolo and Placer County Sheriffs Marine Units on the Sacramento River and Folsom Lake. Mostly, taking over tows and other boater assistance cases allowing them to conduct more enforcement. In the North, FL-39 Boat Crews routinely work with Sheriffs, Rangers and other local LE organizations.
- 3. The five man crew will stay over night with one of their RBS-25s moored nearby.

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

1. Division Facilities will be supporting Station Rio Vista with the Million Boat Float Aug 16-18 and Delta Blitz Aug 22-23 in Sacramento

## **DIVISION GOALS**

1. TRAIN - QUALIFY - REFINE - PARTICIPATE

Passwords for achieving our goals.

O TRAIN our Officers and Mentors, so they can train our membership

0	<b>QUALIFY</b> our members in the areas they seek to participate, so they can participate skillfully and proudly in the Four Corner Stones.
0	<b>REFINE</b> our skills and attitudes to become proficient and professional in our missions
0	<b>PARTICIPATE</b> in more and different activities to expand and round out our knowledge and skills

# Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Meeting with Chief Spillane 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parades Working with Station Bodega Bay Operations Activity Night Patrols Opportunity

## **DETAILS**

Division leadership met with Chief Spillane, the new Officer in Charge of Station Vallejo to explore ways to more closely work together. The Chief had favorable experiences with the Auxiliary in previous assignments, and we all look forward to a close working relationship with the station. Division members participated in 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades in Vallejo, Sonoma, and Novato.

Station Bodega Bay announced that all of their personnel have qualified as Boat Crew on both the 47' MLB and the 25' RBS, thanks in part to the Auxiliary providing facilities and personnel for towing, being taken off anchor, MOB, and injury simulation. In addition, the station certified two new coxswains using Auxiliary boats to hide, requiring the candidates to find them.

Eighteen patrols were conducted in July with all flotillas reporting activity. FL 51 reported 1 patrol, FL 52 reported 1 patrol, FL 53 reported 3 patrols, FL 55 reported 9 patrols, and FL 57 reported 4 patrols. The senior command at Station Bodega Bay, Senior Chief Gagnon, Chief Watson, and BM1 Armstrong welcomes Division member who wish to participate in night patrols. This will give operational members the chance to experience open ocean patrols in an AOR very different from the Bay. The patrols will be available on Friday nights starting after dusk, weather permitting. Participation in Patrol Planning and After Action reporting will be required. Patrols will be conducted on the station's 47' MLB. Mustangs and SAR vests will be required. FL 55 has a limited number of both for use by Auxiliary members.

## **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

Flotilla 55 participated in the PE/PA event with the Cub Scouts. Approximately 110 scouts took part in the event modeled after the Suddenly in Command class with the subject matter modified for the young age group. Station Bodega Bay also participated by bringing the 25' RBS as a static display along with three Petty Officers. Needless to say, the scouts really enjoyed "operating" the SAFE boat.

# Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

• Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 set up an information booth for National Marina Day at the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor.

• Flotillas 6-1, 6-4, 6-7-and 6-10 have scheduled an OPTEX at Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor on September 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be a joint effort among the Division 6 flotillas to meet the 3-year requalification requirements for crew and coxswains in order to keep the division operational

# **DETAILS**

- Flotilla 6-4 is finishing its Sailing Skills and Seamanship public education course. What made this unique is that Flotilla 6-4 invited instructors from all other flotillas in Division 6 to aid in teaching the course. One instructor came all the way from Morro Bay, a 2 and one half hour drive to teach an evening class.
- Division 6 AuxNet continues to have its first Monday of each month call out. This month 11 radio facilities participated.
- Division 6 held an AuxCom class on two Saturdays in July. Members of Flotillas 6-4, 6-7, and 6-10 participated. Four members passed the AuxCom exam and will get started on their PQS.for TelCom Operator Cert.
- Flotilla 6-4 did 76 VSCs in July

# **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- Meetings have been held with the city manager of City of Monterey and the concept of resurrecting the Pacific Grove Ocean Rescue team through the Coast Guard Auxiliary is moving ahead. The Coast Guard will be involved with training, equipment and liability issues. The next meeting with the city and members of the rescue team will be held on August 26th.
- Flotilla 6-1 is continuing with their second Saturday of the month training operations with Station Morro Bay.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

- The Division 6 COW will be held on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>. The District Calendar currently indicates November 14<sup>th</sup>. The date change is due to the availability of the banquet room at the Rancho Canada Golf Course. Rancho Canada is offering a large discount on green fees for those interested in a round of golf prior to the COW activities.
- The annual Coast Guard Day picnic, held for the staff and crew of Station Monterey and the USCG Cutter Hawksbill has been rescheduled to the month of October due to time conflicts.

# **DIVISION GOALS**

- Retain current members, recruit new members.
- To have more interaction, communication, shared events and training between the flotillas making up Division
- 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.

# Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7

## Division

- July has been a month for training and mentoring of candidates for the Strawberry OPEX AUG. 6-9 quals & re-quals.
- Division summer picnic was held at Roger & Jenny Bennett home.

- OPEX was very successful with approx 21 candidates for quals & requals, most of which passed. That report is on file by District Ops.
- The QEs were excellent and put all candidates to the test to the point that they felt that they had earned their qualification and was proud of their accomplishments.

#### Flotilla Reports

- \* Mentoring of new members & patrols
- \* Summer ops at Flaming Gorge.
  - \* Flotilla meeting discussion per DCDR & VDCDR elections
  - \* Award to Don Kirk for passing the VE examiner
- 76 \* No Report
- 78 \* No report

# **Richard Thomas, DCDR-8**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

Crescent City – Physical Qualifications
Eureka – Public Classes and new web site
Fort Bragg –Mid-term election, Lighthouse maint. Fund Raiser
Lake County- VE's, patrols, fellowship
OPTREX-tie-out

#### **DETAILS:**

## **Crescent City**

Members of Flotilla 8-11 had a picnic with the Dorodo crew on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Coxswains and crew members will under-go their physical qualifications to remain qualified under the testing of US Coast Guard personnel on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The Auxiliary members will be required to do a set number of push-ups and sit-ups, lift a 50lb Oscar within a specified time period, properly dress in dry suits and sustain 10 minutes of motion in the ocean, run and swim and throw heaving line.

During the month of August 8-11 had 2 SAR missions.

The flotilla is getting ready for a very busy 10 day period from August 28<sup>th</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup> as the significantly reduced salmon season will open and all public agencies are expecting a substantial number of boaters coming into the area. The flotilla is planning to have high visual presence at all the docks and water-ways and will do dock walking, providing information on America Water Watch and doing VE's.

# Eureka 8-6

Flotilla Commander O'Connor reports that they are planning one more ABS classes in August. Richard Kerr from 8-6 and Harold Hauck from 8-7 member have recently concluded the web site for 8-6 and have the District approval and are waiting for National approval.

The flotilla reports that they are processing three new members.

Helen O'Connor and Richard Kerr continue to work on Coastie project and Mr. Kerr was awarded the Division Commander's Auxiliarist of the month for August 2009. This award was for all his efforts

working dilengently on the flotilla's web-site as well as many hours putting together a "easy" read manual for Coastie operation.

Soma Station held a TCT class on August 17<sup>th</sup> that was open to Auxiliarist.

There will be a Coast Guard Fishing vessel Refresher class on Eureka on September 11<sup>th</sup> in Eureka followed by the refresher the following day in Crescent City.

## Mendocino 8-7

The Mendocino flotilla had a Mid-term election on July 25<sup>th</sup> due to the unexpected passing of Doug Pohlson-FC. Harold Hauck, who was the VFC was elected as the new FC for 8-7, and the IPFC – Bruce Rogerson was elected the VFC.

The flotilla had 4 members attend the PCA in Alameda during August.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> – members of the Auxiliary hosted a tour of the lantern room at the Point Cabrillo Light house.

During August the Light keeper Assn. of Point Cabrillo Lighthouse had a fund raiser. They purchased Mendocino Theater Company theater tickets for the entire house for \$12 and sold them for \$30 and provided wine and snacks. While this is not directly a Coast Guard event, several members of the Auxiliary are members of the board of directors and is an opportunity for exposure to the Auxiliary. The group estimates approx. \$1,000 net proceeds to the Light Keepers Assn.

On Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – members of the Auxiliary will shut down the lighthouse operation and do their monthly lens inspections and cleaning.

# **Lake County**

Patrols and VE's were light during the month of August.

Nomination committee was set up at last flotilla meeting which was run by Betty Strach, IPFC as FC - Harry DeLope was required to be out of the area.

Harry DeLope has been working hard with several of the Auxiliary members getting ready for the October tie-out/optrex on Clearlake.

Crew member school is in the planning stages and lead by Betty Strach – IPFC.

Thus far, the flotilla has 10 members who have volunteered for the up-coming Lake County Fair booth.

On August 8<sup>th</sup> flotilla member Rich Thomas hosted at his home the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Coast Guard Appreciation day with a pool party, attitude adjustment period, bbq tri-tip dinner and a live DJ playing many classics.

The entire event and several hours of hard work were completed by Robert and Deana McAllister.

# **Up-Coming/Events**

October- 9<sup>th</sup>, 10, and 11<sup>th</sup> is the calendared date of the Lake County Tie-Out and Optrex. Early in the year the division voted on having this date for the event as Fleet week was on the calendar for the first

weekend of the month. Subsequently, Fleet week was later changed for the same weekend of October as the tie-out and regrettably it was too late to make a change to the Division's date. There will be Hazmat training on Sunday the  $11^{th}$  – followed by boom training on the water.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS:**

Currently Air Station Humboldt Bay and 8-11 are re-organizing Helo –ops and should be under-way soon.

8-7 will participate with in a joint exercise with Noyo River Coast Guard station, where the local auxiliarist will be on boats and play the role of boating under the influence.

#### **DIVISION GOALS:**

No New Goals- as stated in original report.

I have sent reminders that as part of our Auxiliary mission in Division Eight it is important to emphasis safety during this busy time of the year.

# **Monica Eaton, DCDR-10**

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Vessel safety checks
- Member training planned. Patrols are being planned for training.
- OPTREX planned
- Public Education

# **DETAILS**

- Division 10 has the largest number of VSC's in the Division. Every flotilla is active in the program. Flotilla 10-02 has the most. There is one new VE in flotilla 10-05. Mike Lauro has the greatest number of VSC's.
- Dean LaChapel taught a 4 hour class for new and requalifying Coxswains on July 11<sup>th</sup> and a patrol
  the next day for on the water training was done. More plans are being made for Don Pedro and
  Lake Kahweah on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Flotilla 10-05 is planning an OPTREX on Millerton Lake October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There are camping facilities available.
- An ABS class will be taught at Lauretsen's Marina. The Marina operator pays for his clients to participate. He is also offering a combination of Navigation and GPS classes to those who have already had the ABS class.

# **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- Training for Lauretsen's Marina August 1<sup>st</sup> is being coordinated by Terri Linn.
- The Crops of Engineers continues to encourage patrols and participate in some training at all area lakes. They will usually assist with radio communications when we are on patrol.
- We continue to work with the Bass Pro Shop on an ongoing basis.
- We have a radio watch stander for Station Rio Vista. He has a regular shift. Others participate in training patrols for Station Rio Vista.

## **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 following the schedules for PE classes that were set up this spring.

## **DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS**

- OPTREX Identify those members who need on-the-water training as well as those who
  need to requality as crew or coxswain and plan training sessions. Specific dates have
  been set.
- **2.** Member training Members from all Flotilla's were requesting training. Plan: Establish dates sites, and instructors for the training.
- **3.** Many members need to have a requalification in boat crew and coxswain. Training sessions have been planned and on the water training has been active.
- **4.** VSC program continues to be #! in the Nation. Training is available to members who wish to participate in the program.
- **5.** PV program Members are very active in this program. Training is available when members are ready.

# Dee Dee Kincade, DCDR-11

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1. Division 11 Training and Picnic August 8, Station Lake Tahoe
- 2. Regatta Patrol Activities
- 3. QE Sessions
- 4. Public Affairs Activities
- 5. Vessel Exam Activities
- 6. 2-Boat Training with Station Lake Tahoe
- 7. Cooperation from Nevada Department of Wildlife

# **DETAILS**

- 1. Over 60 Auxiliarists, Coast Guard and guests from various marine units on Lake Tahoe attended the Division 11 Training and Picnic held at Station Lake Tahoe on Saturday, August 8. Thomas J. Nuckton, MD, MS, Critical Care Attending, Sutter Health System, San Francisco, CA, gave a fascinating presentation on his research of cold water immersion hypothermia. The National Weather Service Reno spoke on local weather patterns at Lake Tahoe and the valleys of Reno and Carson City. Auxiliarists, spouses and guests were treated to a hands-on fire extinguisher demo given by the North Tahoe Fire District. A spectacular pot luck picnic followed the presentations. Weather cooperated with a beautiful day at Lake Tahoe.
- 2. Operational Activities
  - a. Regatta Patrols Facilities from all our flotillas have provided safety zone patrols for the following events since mid July: Trans Tahoe Swim July 18, Big Blue Adventure Kayak Race Aug 1, and the Ta-hoe Nalu Paddle Classic Aug 15. We have 5 more regatta events planned for the month of September; some needing multiple assets and ACU. The organizers of the kayak, stand-up paddle boards, and swimming events have become very appreciative of our presence at their events.
  - b. All flotillas are conducting safety, ATON, PATON, training and 2-boat CG training patrols.
- 3. Member Training
  - a. Jerry Collins conducted an 8-Hour TCT class to 16 Division 11members and 1 active duty Coast Guard from Station Tahoe.

- b. QE Sessions July 25 we qualified 2 boat crew, and re-qualified 1 coxswain. We have requested a QE Day for Sept 13 for 1 initial coxswain, three initial boat crew and two 3-year boat crew re-qualification.
- c. Flotilla 11-03 has concluded their AUXNAV class.
- 4. Public Education Activities We are still having difficulty filling boating safety classes. Flotilla 11-03/05 conducted an ABS class on August 1. Due to lack of attendance Flotilla 11-01 canceled their August 1 ABS class.
- 5. Public Affairs Activities
  - a. Flotilla 11-05 had a booth at the Carson City National Night Out on August 4. The purpose of National Night Out is to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, community safety, emergency preparedness, generate support for and participation in, local anticrime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.
  - b. The Bonanza and Sierra Sun, local newspapers, ran an article on the increase of our Vessel Safety Check activities at Lake Tahoe.
  - c. Dee Dee Kincade DCDR and Jack Leth SO-OP took the publisher and editor of The Weekly, a local Lake Tahoe and Truckee publication, out on Lake Tahoe for a day to discuss the missions of the Auxiliary. A detailed article on the Auxiliary was written in the newspaper on July 28 and on their blog Lake Tahoe Boating <a href="http://www.tahoeboating.blogspot.com/">http://www.tahoeboating.blogspot.com/</a>.
- 6. Publications Vic Beelik SO-PB is working with Nevada Department of Wildlife to design and print a pamphlet for Lake Tahoe on the legal requirements of kayaks and other non-motorized sports vessels (SUBs).
- 7. Vessel Exam Activities As of Aug 18 our Division has conducted 750 VSCs. This is an increase of 336%, up from 223 conducted last year. This year we have 13 new Vessel Examiners and 4 who have re-qualified. 14 VEs have 20+ exams.
- 8. Fellowship Flotilla 11-05 is having their summer picnic on Sept 6. Flotilla 11-04 is having their summer picnic on Sept. 12.

## **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- 1. At the request of the ANT-SF several ATONS on Lake Tahoe were verified and pictures were taken on July 20.
- 2. We continue to provide 2-boat training for Lake Tahoe. 6 trainings are scheduled through the end of August. July 29 we participated in a CG Coxswain qualification and briefing.
- 3. Division contributed to a baby shower gift for our Auxiliary Liaison to BM2 Potter.
- 4. Nevada Department of Wildlife has agreed to print copies of our "On Board and Informed" and "Play it Safe Cold Water Immersion" pamphlets for next boating season. They have also agreed to help design and print a new pamphlet outlining the legal requirements for non-motorized vessels (SUBs).
- 5. Division and Flotillas are recognizing the accomplishments of Fred Messmann from Nevada Department of Wildlife during his retirement party on Sept. 19.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

- 1. 29AUG Flotilla 11-05/04 South Lake Tahoe Air Show
- 2. 5-6SEP Annual Lake Tahoe Outrigger Canoe and Kayak Race
- 3. 6SEP Flotilla 11-05 Picnic, Reno, NV
- 4. 7SEP Fireworks, South Lake Tahoe, CA.
- 5. 12SEP Flotilla 11-04 Picnic, So. Lake Tahoe, CA
- 6. 19SEP Big Blue Adventure Race (Kayak), Tahoe Vista, CA.
- 7. 25SEP Lake Tahoe Marathon (Kayak), South Lake Tahoe, CA.

- 8. 27SEP Fannett Island Sailboat Race, Windjammers Yacht Club, S. Shore
- 9. 27SEP Tahoe Fall Classic Paddleboard Race, Camp Richardson, CA
- 10. 28SEP Division Meeting (1900) Elections, CG Station Lake Tahoe

# Roger Haynes, DCDR-12

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

See Below

## **DETAILS**

- 1. Flotilla 12-05 in Fremont located meeting space in the Fire District training facility but they must change their meeting schedule. They will be meeting, starting in August, on the third Tuesday at 1900. Location is Grimmer and Automall. One agenda item is to schedule an AUXOP class.
- 2. Flotillas 12-02 and 12-21 have agreed to merge. 12-21 instituted a New Member Hour starting one hour before their monthly meeting. This is expected to help with new member orientation and mentoring. They have held several successful VE/PA stations at various Oakland marinas and one at the Oakland Yacht Club.
- 3. Division is asking each flotilla to teach an AUXOP or similar course during 2009. Thus far 12-91 has completed the Instructor course, and AUXSEA. Flotilla 12-03 scheduled an AUXCOM class for September 12-13, while Flotilla 12-21 completed CPR/AED and Basic First Aid.
- 4. Patrols working with Sta. Rio Vista for its semi-monthly training schedule as well as PATON patrols.

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

None

# **UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND LOCATIONS**

- 1. Flotilla 12-91 has VSC stations scheduled August 22 at Discovery Bay and Sept 5 at Brannan Island.
- 2. PE classes are scheduled by 12-91 Sept. 26 ABS, Oct 13 GPS.

## **DIVISION GOALS**

- 1 Assist rebuilding of flotillas.
- 2 Identify member dissatisfaction with Auxiliary and find ways to make satisfactory.
- 3 Provide monthly training opportunities for members of the Division.

Facilitate communication between coxswains and crew so no OPS members are REYR due to hours.

#### Charlie Duncan, P-PCA

PCA Fair: August 15, 16, 2009

Registered members set a record, for August PCA Fairs, almost 200 showed up for the Fair. The classes I visited were all full, and I heard nothing but good things from students attending these classes. Thanks to all you instructors who graciously gave up their weekend, and time preparing for their classes. Como Gail Ramsey did another great job to end her career as PCA Fair Chairperson, arranging classes given, setting up new classes, arranging for rooms, checking and showing students where some of the

new classes were located, and the endless hours donated in time and effort to make it so successful, but she will still help keep it as successful as it is.

If some of you noticed when you signed in, there was DCDR-1 Mary Kirkwood helping Como Ramsey, check in students, well that is her new job, and she graciously agreed to be the new PCA Fair Chairperson. At the District Office at noon, Gail had her finishing up the winning Flotilla at the Fair, which is a secret with 25% of their members attending the Fair. This was just one of the post Fair duties which usually take 2 to 3 weeks before being posted. Congratulations to Flotilla (I can't tell you,) they are the winners of the \$100.00 prize for most members at the PCA Fair. This check will be presented at the September meeting to the DCDR of Division ????

All Division Commanders, now is the time to join the PCA. The cost is only \$30.00 for a lifetime membership, or \$3.00 per year. Send in your check to Como Marilyn Mc Bain P.O. Box 391 North Highlands CA 95660-3091 and your new card will be sent to you in the mail.

To all the old time members of the PCA, a new card is being designed and it will be mailed to you as soon as they can be printed and processed.

## Memorial:

Nothing has been arranged by the Gold Side for the Memorial yet. We have the ground but no design. Gail Ramsey and Fran Fisher are still waiting to have the meeting and Angelo and I are getting antsy to use our shovels. He was complaining that his shovel is getting rusty waiting. I hope we don't have to wait another 17 years to get this wonderful project started.

# Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- DSOs Operations, Aviation
- QE Activities
- Safety Patrols
- Division request 39
- PCA Training Fair

# **DETAILS**

- Had conferences with DSOs Operations & Aviation.
- QE for Division 3 at Brannon Island and Division 7 at Strawberry Reservoir in Utah.
- Patrolled at Clear Lake and in the Delta both on PWC and boat.
- Aviation completed interviews with Air Station leadership to determine qualifications and certification to fly. All wanting interviews have been completed.
- Stations continue to request communications Watchstanders. We have 12 candidates that can start with the interview process at various stations now. Three have already begun training.
- New Division request is on hold for the time being as disruption of the good feelings in 39 might be hindered with fragmentation of personnel commitments.
- Attended the AUXWEA at PCATF Saturday and Sunday. Good attendance and good class.

# **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

None

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

NACON August 26-30

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

- Attend as many Division meetings as practical.
- Further promotion of flotilla and division Contingency Response planning.
- Encourage installation of Auxiliary Watchstanders at each Station

# **Robert Hendry, DCAPT-RBS**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 6. Have been involved in at least two investigations.
- 7. Have updated the goals to identify the data sources and verify integrity.
- 8. Made an appearance at the VE course at PCA today to support Mike Lauro and his team.

#### **DETAILS**

- 1. Will complete all investigations by end of month.
- 2. Before taking a reading of the status of our progress toward our goals, a dialogue was started with Marilyn McBain to verify that the data is accurately stated and that current reports will be consistent with content of historical records. It was determined that select data must be pulled from AUXDATA on the specific date in question (i.e. Dec 31) or the vagaries of the software will distort accuracy. Since Marilyn does in fact pull all relevant data on specific dates, we were able to change select data to reflect the actual condition. This also facilitates comparisons to current year activity. Some work still needs to be done in two or three areas.

Further, balances as of August 9 were extracted from AUXDATA and AUXINFO so we can gauge where we stand to date on all the measures. Please see attached updated objectives and goals summary. It should be noted that in some areas we are exceeding our goals already and in some areas we are only half way there with nearly 60% if time passed. This could be due to the reporting lag but it is unsure. There are some areas that need attention to see what can be done to improve our progress.

# **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.

# **Angelo Perata, COS**

HIGHLIGHTS

QE Activities

Division 07 Meeting

PCA Fair

#### District 11nr Elections for DCAPTs

#### **DETAILS**

Worked with other QEs at Division's 07 OPTREX at Strawberry Reservoir in UTAH.

Division 07 Meeting at Strawberry Reservoir with CDR Dave Chareonsuphiphat CWO Dan Kilburger, OTO in attendance

Awards where given to Division 07 members.

PCA Fair, Sorry I missed the event, family obligations. Good news, it was well attended. Thank you, PCA members.

REMEMBER that Sept.12 2009 is our District Elections for our three District Captain positions.

Running for District Captain as of August -18-2009 in alphabetical order, are: Rodney Collins, Charlie Duncan, Wayne Farnholtz, Dick Hoelle, Dean LaChapelle and Steve Salmon.

Per our District Standing Rules, ARTICLE 07 page 05 7:3

"the presiding officer shall accept any nominations from the floor, from incumbent Board members, including self-nominations."

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Will be attending NACON in Chicago August 26-30

## **PERSONAL GOALS**

Support Divisions with an open door policy, and keep members informed though our DSO's and through attending meetings thoughout our District. Will step this up this winter.