

**US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
DISTRICT 11N BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
Rohnert Park, CA
26 March 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 1400 by DCO Mike Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Firehock, DSO-LP.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Williams called for approval of the 16 January 2010 and the 10 February 2010 minutes.

Motion: Angelo Perata, COS moved and Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

COMMENTS – COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R

COMO Connell stated that there have been many changes in the Coast Guard, and also in the Auxiliary. He expressed confidence that we will enjoy accepting the challenge.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS

DCO Williams called for district board reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division's spring OPTREX will be on 12 June. Kirkwood reviewed the division's strategic goals. In recruitment and retention, they will initiate 1st contact within 2 weeks of receiving notice of an interest individual. Each flotilla has set a goal that the FC, VFC, FSO-MT and FSO-PV will all obtain the RBS ribbon during the year.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division OPTREX is scheduled for 29 April. They plan an NSBW activity at Whiskeytown Lake with a CG helo and the National Guard bridge-building detail.

Judy Esteban for Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Excused. Report on file (Attachment B). FL 42 received a National award for being 63 years old. They were given a US flag which was flown over the national capitol.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment B). The RBS program is going strong. They are focusing highly on the dock walker program this year. 18 attended the training program, and

there will be one more session in April. Two OPTREX are planned: 24 April (training only) and 26 June (QE only).

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division participated in a new service operations category – tsunami patrol. The earthquake in Chile resulted in a tsunami in Santa Cruz. An Auxiliary vessel became incident commander for the event. Several vessels were on patrol. It was a great opportunity to practice, even though the incoming tsunami was only 4' high.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment B). We are just coming into the boating season. The division plans two OPTREXs this year – June and early August. At the February boat show, the division hosted a booth. 27 members stood one or more watches at the boat show, with 112 man hours. We had sign-up sheets for VSC, PE and membership, and are picking up new members across the board for all flotillas. The division is planning VSC stations at four reservoirs during NSBW.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment B). Our St Patrick's Day feed at Noyo River very successful, with a lot of kids in attendance. The Crescent City flotilla had spaghetti feed that was very successful.

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 – Report on file (Attachment B). Mike Lauro is getting close to a career total of 10,000 VSCs.

David Law, DCDR-11 – Report on file (Attachment B). We just completed four week-ends of a fishing derby at Pyramid Lake.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment B). Members of the division worked with AUX Air during a recent patrol. The experience was very useful. The division has taught *Suddenly In Command* sessions at Brannan Island State Park on four occasions.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment B). We had a very successful PCA Fair, thanks to Mary Kirkwood, Chairman of the fair. If any has a suggestion for a special class for the August PCA Fair, please let Judy or Mary know. Esteban presented checks for \$50 to Flotillas 5-3 and 6-10 who tied for the highest PCA Fair attendance.

Rodney Collins, DCAP-RBS – Report on file (Attachment B). Collins needs the name of the NSBW chairmen for each division. We expect a great RBS year. We are working very hard in AWW and all of the safety missions.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAP-RES – Report on file (Attachment B). Farnholtz commend all of the DSO's who are involved in operations for their collaborative efforts toward the joint training exercise at Brannan Island later this year with OPS, COMMS and AV.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SPT – Report on file (Attachment B). Don't forget the district store is

open for business during D-Train. LaChapelle is working on a Heraldry handbook project. It will provide some guidelines for units who have flags, banners or patches. LaChapelle would like picture of any flags or patches that divisions or flotilla may currently have. Also please include dimensions of any flag or patches which can be used to set standards in the guide that is being prepared.

Angelo Perata, COS – Perata is working with Mike Maddox, DSO-MT to create some live and animated visual aids for use in PE classes. Saturday afternoon at 1600 we will have an all-hands meeting with the District Commander, RDML Castillo in Salon 1-4. The Saturday night banquet emcee will be Bob Peterson.

DCO Williams stated that the Admiral will respond to questions following his speech. If you would like to ask him a question, make sure your questions are appropriate for him. COMO Connell stated that the proper protocol is: Stand up. Identify self. Ask a thoughtful question.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – Members are to be commended for the great job everyone is doing. CDR Chareonsuphiphat recognized the DIRAUX office personnel, plus volunteers Larry Draper, LeRoy Cross, Wayne and Anita Farnholtz and Gail Ramsey. He also recognized Auxiliarists in Division 7 who provided aid to families of the crew, and notified DIRAUX of what was going on after the Helo 860 crash in Utah.

CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO – Thanks for the data call regarding info on personal purchase of PPE equipment. Out of 1,477 active-duty members, 503 PPE were personally purchased, which is 34% of all personnel. This information will be reporting to headquarters. This information is part of the data that will be used to determine whether or not Auxiliarists can wear their PPE when not on patrol. The ICS-210 deadline is 1 April 2010. Nearly all Coxswains in D11N have it. Headquarters is sending an ICS-210 instructor to remote areas to give the class. If you have people working on ops who need the course, this instructor will be available from mid-April to the 1st week in May. Contact Kilburger ASAP if you would like to set up a class. Stacy Curtin and Rachel Zamora were recognized.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Angelo Perata, COS directed the DCAPT's to call for their staff reports as follows:

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES called for the following staff reports:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – We have been coordinating exercises with surface and land mobiles. We are looking forward to doing more of them.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file (Attachment C). The communications trailer was not able to be here, because of last-minute scheduling changes.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file (Attachment C). Don't forget the operations

workshop will be Sunday morning. The one-hour TCT workshop will be immediately after. Budget problems will be affecting the materials that we will be receiving from California. To assist in saving state personnel costs, only one representative from each division is asked to request materials from California State Department of Waterways.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS called for the following staff reports:

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Report on file (Attachment C). AWW was 6 visits per quarter, now it is 2. Marine safety is one of the most vital areas of our program. IIMS testing is set for tomorrow, thanks to CWO Danny Kilburger and Tina Perry for agreeing to proctor the exam. There are 300 CG license holders in northern California for the commercial vessel exams; however the fishing industry is collapsing because of the economy, so many are not going out this year.

Jim Duncan, DSO-NS – Excused. Report on file (Attachment C).

Mike Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file (Attachment C). There will be an RBS workshop tomorrow. Lauro has created a VSC brochure which is in Word format and will be available for VE's to download. There is a pilot program for canoes and kayaks. All VEs will receive via email a separate VSC form just for canoes and kayaks. This is a National test program to see how the sheet works out. The flotilla allotment of VSC decals has been released. Only one flotilla in Division 7 has not ordered. Next week the decals will be released to the division designated person (SO-VE). Lauro showed the decals for lost canoes/kayaks. We should encourage owners to put their name and phone number on paddle craft even without stickers. State materials will be in limited supply this year.

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

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Report on file (Attachment C). *Paddle Sports America* is now an authorized PE course. The cost is \$77/10 books. *Suddenly In Command* manuals are also available.

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA – Report on file (Attachment C). There will be an NSBW Chairman's meeting at 1730 today. DCDRs, if your NSBW Chairman is not, please attend in their stead.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT – SPT called for the following reports:

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Report on file (Attachment C). The web site is for information. Wetzel will be in the lobby tomorrow to do updates if you'd like. There will also be a class on how to use the web site.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Report on file (Attachment C). McBain has 160 performance awards for this conference which are being distributed to the appropriate DCDR. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded at the banquet on Saturday. There is nothing new in IS.

Steve Johnson, DSO-MA – At the PCA Fair, the store sold \$4000+ in merchandise. We are still filling mail-in orders. The store now has the new ODU sew-on insignia, except for FSO which is on back order.

COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT – There is training scheduled for this week-end.

George Knies, DSO-PB – Report on file (Attachment C). Knies has been overwhelmed with suggestions and ideas for articles for the *Northwind*. In order to include D-Train photos and information, everything for the April issue will be required by 8 April.

Richard Thomas, DSO-HR – Report on file (Attachment C). NSBW is a good time to recruit new members. Membership is going up some, but not a lot. District awards requirements are different than NACO awards. Division 6 is only division eligible for a NACO award. National is considering getting the new member exam on line.

Perata called for the following staff reports:

Bob Hendry, ASC – Report on file (Attachment C). Sector SF is asking for Auxiliaries to participate in major incident classes in Unified Command Force Tasking. Right now we have no one qualified. We are working with them to put together some on-the-job training, and getting a list of people qualified to have available for commander.

Fran Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file (Attachment C). We need to finish the final unit audits this year. There are still some flotillas that haven't turned in their year-end financial reports.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – We will have two sessions Saturday of the legal/finance workshop. The workshops cover money, - how to get it and how to spend it. There will also be a workshop on mediation as a form of conflict resolution. Mediation is another way to resolve conflicts without going to disciplinary methods.

Randy Parent, DFSO – 1 May is the annual district aviation safety workshop. Everyone is invited. Information about the workshop will be posted next week.

Phil Sanchez, DEP – The Friday Fun Night begins at 1830. Saturday opening ceremonies are at 0730. The D-Train programs have training sessions and locations.

OLD BUSINESS

PPE – DCO Williams stated that this information was reported by CWO Kilburger.

Strategic Plan – DCO Williams stated that it is in effect, as created by Bob Hendry.

Special Events – DCO Williams reported as follows:

- The Cutter CG *Waesche* commissioning is 7 June. Information is available from the DSO-

PA.

- Chance of Command 17 May at CGI. CAPT Cullen is retiring, effective 25 June.
- Sector Change of Command is 19 August.

National Survey – The recent survey was part of project for a PhD candidate. Feedback will come back to us in a few months.

Motion to Amend Appendix G of the District Standing Rules – DCO Williams called on Roger Haynes, DSO-PE to describe the proposed amendments and reasons for the proposals.

Motion:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 moved and Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 seconded that Appendix G, Paragraph 10a of the District Standing Rules be amended by striking sub-paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) and inserting the following sub-paragraphs:

- (1) The Flotilla must have reported at least 52 hours of Public Education classes during the award year.
- (2) The Flotilla must have the highest score of all Flotillas considered. This score will be the total of PE hours plus the total of PE graduate points, divided by the Flotilla active membership at the year end.
- (3) PE graduate points for each flotilla will be the sum of its graduates from classes lasting less than 8 classroom hours times 1/15, plus the sum of all its other graduates. The factor of 1/15 is used to approximate the classroom hours for these graduates compared to graduates of other classes.
- (4) Any flotilla receiving this award for its PE program in one year will be ineligible to receive it again during the following two years.”

There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Motion:

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 moved and Curtis Han, DCDR-5 seconded that Appendix G, Paragraph 9.b. of the District Standing Rules be amended by adding “Instructors with less than 10 combined PE and MT Instructor hours but whose total PE and MT Instructor plus Instructor Aide hours equal or exceed 25 hours will receive a certificate.”

There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Final Comments – DCO Williams reported as follows:

- Elected officer training for 2011 will be held following the November 2010 District Board Meeting. Units are encouraged to hold their elections prior to the November meeting so their newly-elected officers can attend the elected officer training session.

- The District is beginning to look at electronic media for meetings.
- We need to continually remind our membership to make sure uniforms are correct, clean, pressed when they are being worn.
- Kudos to the D-Train committee for the conference they have put together
- RDML Castillo has stated that District 11's primary focus is RBS and inland waters.

AWARDS - The following awards were presented:

Auxiliary Commendation Medal to Mike Lauro for his work in Recreational Boating Safety.

Presenters: CDR Chareonsuphiphat, COMO Connell and DCO Williams.

Read by: CWO Kilburger

Auxiliary Commendation Medal to Frances Fisher as District Finance Officer.

Presenters: CDR Chareonsuphiphat, COMO Connell and DCO Williams

Read by: CWO Kilburger

Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation to Charles Duncan for the Whiskeytown Lake swim meet patrol and saving 7 swimmers.

Presenters: CDR Chareonsuphiphat, COMO Connell and DCO Williams

Read by: CWO Kilburger

National Charting Award for 2009 to James Duncan for 1,444 chart updates.

RBS Device to Tony Budlong

Presenter: Mike Lauro, DSO-VE

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1550.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A

ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 26 March 2010

DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Mike Williams
Angelo Perata, COS
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R
Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP
CDR Dave Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1
Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3

Judy Esteban, IPDCDR-4/P-PCA
Curtis Han, DCDR-5
Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6
Larry Kelley, DCDR-7
Richard Thomas, DCDR-8/DSO-HR
Rod Rollins, DCDR-10
David Law, DCDR-11
Roger Haynes, DCDR-12/DSO-PE

DISTRICT STAFF:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV
Jeff Price, DSO-CM
Irene Wetzell, DSO-CS
Randy Parent, DFSO
Frances Fisher, DSO-FN
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS
Robert Firehock, DSO-LP
Steve Johnson, DSO-MA
COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA
George Knies, DSO-PB
Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Mike Lauro, DSO-VE
Morris Farmer, D-AA
Linda Haynes, D-AD/H
Robert Hendry, ASC
Phil Sanchez, DEP

GUESTS:

Chuck McCarty, VCDR-5
Anita Farnholtz, ADSO-OP
Aurelio Leon, D-A
Bill Becker, ADSO-PA
Peter Kyryl, FC-06-07
Wally Smith, FC-06-10
Jane Smith, FSO-PA, FL-06-10
Don Robertson, FSO-OP, FL-07-08
Thomas Henderson, FC-11-01
Laurie Kerr, FSO-MA, FL-12-91
Carol Farmer, FSO-SR, FL-07-08
Jim Blackburn, FL-05-07
Robert Smith, SO-VE, 05-01
Bill Dodson, FL-06-04

Tony Budlong, ADSO-VE
Gordon Robbins, VFC-03-09
Carl Pierce, FC-03-09
Brenda Belongie, FL-03-09
Bob Belongie, FL-03-09
Charlie Duncan, PP-PCA
Lee Scoville, FSO-PE, FL-04-02
Rex Miner, FC-07-08
Bonnie Miner, FSO-CS, FL-07-08
Francis Capone, SO-OP, 05
Paul Custance, FSO-CM, FL-07-02
Sherry Custance, FL-07-02
Frank Eckel, FL-06-04
George Barantseff, DA, FL-01-02

ATTACHMENT B

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 26 March 2010

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1

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

- PE classes underway
- Continue to support communications activities
- Passing of Auxiliarist Gordon Callahan from Flotilla 1-5
- Scheduled Fall OPTREX
- Developed 2010 Strategic Goals for Division 1

DETAILS

- Flotillas 12, 14 and 17 PE classes underway. Flotilla 14: BS&S underway, sailing class held at St. Patrick's School 3/20-31. Flotilla 17: GPS for Mariners began 2/27, ABS began 3/6, SS&S/BS&S began 3/3
- Communications activities included watchstanding at the Pacific Strike Team, providing 2 communicators for the Comms trailer for the Maverick surfing competition.
- Auxiliarist Gordon Callahan from Flotilla 15 recently passed
- Spring OPTREX scheduled for June 12 at the Berkeley Yacht Club. To be a one-day event, with QE checkoffs and dockside classes for crew trainees.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Continue to cross-train with Station Golden Gate, Air Station San Francisco, and Pacific Area Training Team
- Continue with watchstanding for the Pacific Strike Team
- Flotilla 15 participated in the Maverick Surf competition
- Interactions with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office/OES, CAL FIRE, CHP, NOAA, San Mateo Harbor District, San Mateo Airport District, North County Fire Authority

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Spring OPTREX June 12 at Berkeley Yacht Club
- Dock Walker Training 4/10
- KOPS and KIDS, June
- Dream Machines, April
- NSBW activities- various marinas and yacht clubs

2010 DIVISION GOALS

- ❖ Recruiting and Retention:
 - Make 1st contact within 2 weeks of identified interest
- ❖ RBS Programs:
 - Vessel Safety Checks (pending)

- Program Visits: coordinate PV sites to identify overlaps and voids to ensure maximum coverage
- Public Education (pending)
- Public Affairs: add outreach to schools, scouts, sea scouts
- ❖ Marine Safety
 - AWW: Each Flotilla to make 3 AWW presentations, all PVs and VE to include AWW on form when submitted
 - All MS officers to obtain MS ribbon
 - For each Flotilla: MS, MT, OPS, VE, RBS-PV, FC and VFC to obtain MS ribbon
 - Ferry Vessel Audits (pending)
- ❖ Operational Activity
 - Hold 2 OPTREXs
 - Arrange QE check rides for initial/requalifications
 - Coordinate with SO-MT to include members who need training/QEs
 - Work/train with gold side: Flotilla 12 to patrol with StaGG, Flotilla 19 to work with StaSF, participate in Fleet Week, continue helo Ops training with SF Air Station
- ❖ Establish, cultivate, maintain relationships
 - participate in the commissioning of the Waesche
 - Work with California Boating & Waterways on Dock Walkers program
 - Develop and publish a matrix of liaisons with governmental/nongovernmental agencies

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Antlers OPTREX Shasta Lake
2. NSBW Whiskey Town Lake
3. Completed Boat Shows Productive
4. Aircraft and Surface Vessels Operation Improving
5. Member Training Busy

DETAILS

1. Lake Shasta water level above normal. On Water training in progress. Antlers OPTREX begins April 29th.
2. NSBW begins May 22nd Brandy Creek Marina ,Whiskey Town Lake. To assist will be Coast Guard helicopter from Group Humboldt, CHP helicopter from Redding, Nat. Guard bridge building unit and a VSC Station.
3. Recently completed Boat Shows produced 20 sign ups for ABS class, 17 for BS&S class , 15 for VSCs, and 9 to join the AUX.
4. FI-31 Aircraft found that they could identify Aux. Facilities from other vessels best when facility used Spot Light, Mirror, or Streamers behind boat. Three foot letters on top of boat could not be seen from 1000 Ft.
5. Division 3 now has 23 qualified MSOMS members, 29 signed up for Hazwopper training, Many have completed their TCT, First Aid and CPR. Crew and Coxn training underway for OPTREXs and OPEXs.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

F-33 Met with rangers from Folsom Lake to offer their support and clear up some misconceptions they had about what the Aux. did and did not do. F-39s partnership with Federal Park Service on Fireboat

progressing well.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

1. Antlers OPTREX, Shasta Lake April 29 thru May 2,
2. NSBW Throughout Division, Contact flotilla for location and date
3. Flotilla Annual calendars are out now, Many PE classes and VSC Stations listed. Complete Division Calendar forth coming.

DIVISION GOALS AND FUTURE PLANS

1. Comply with Coast Guards request to increase number of Public Education classes, Vessel Safety Checks, and Program Visits through-out entire division.
2. Continue protection of life and property with patrols.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4

HIGHLIGHTS

- South Bay lakes – annual VSC event schedule is now active
- Div 04 OPTREX now on district calendar
- South Bay Opening Day – well supported by facilities and Sector comms trailer
- A few PE classes executed and several scheduled
- Dockwalker training class in San Jose

DETAILS

- Coyote Point aids verification is complete. Goal is to complete all aids in our AOR by end of month.
- South Bay lakes - formal VSC events will take place from April through September. First event will take place at Anderson Lake in Morgan Hill on Saturday April 3rd Established schedule for VSC events at South Bay lakes, as follows:
 - Anderson lake in Morgan Hill - 1st Saturday of each month
 - Calero lake in San Jose/Almaden – 2nd Saturday of each month
- Other VSC events have been scheduled and executed, more are planned.
- Conducting safety patrols in the extended south bay (S. of Dumbarton) to support increased sturgeon fishing activity.
- Div04 OPTREX QE request has been submitted and is on district calendar on 05 JUN. Currently 14 division personnel are scheduled for qual. May be difficult for additional members from other divisions to participate (boat / QE schedules)
- South Bay Opening Day – 10 APR - eight facilities will participate. DSO-CM Price will be using Sector comms trailer on landside. Additional planning meetings are scheduled with organizing committee.
- Several new crew candidates starting their training.
- Conducted ABC at Santa Clara County Water District. Agency personnel of this type often are of low skillset and operate small skiffs – education was well received.
- Suddenly in Command class at West Marine, Saratoga on April 24th, 2010
- Organizing possible On-the-Water classes, consistent with the relevant Aux guidelines and regulations.
- Some required annual workshops have been completed
- A few members completed 8-hr TCT at PCA fair in prep for their initial boat crew quals.

- Dockwalker training class – the Cal Dept of Boating and Waterways and the Cal Coastal Commission has scheduled a day for Dockwalker training to be held at the Verizon building on 03 APR in San Jose.
- NSBW activities with West Marine include having a public booth and VSCs for May 22/23 weekend. Details are in process of being finalized.
- Div04's MS-OM training to be received from Robert Liu. Currently have ten members interested in participating in the required training.
- Flotillas 41 and 49 have conducted a joint monthly meeting and are in discussions of joining into a single flotilla. More information to follow.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- The residents of Menlo Park's VA Hospital are moving to a new building in the last few days of March – some members will be assisting the staff in this move.
- South County Parks ranger involvement as noted above.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- See above notes.

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

- Lose no quals in 2010
- Improve satisfaction levels by membership involvement in their “favorite” activities
- Increase focus on MS-OM activities

Curtis Han, DCDR-5

HIGHLIGHTS

- Joint training with local Coast Guard Stations
- Callouts for hoax Mayday transmissions
- Comm watches at high-sites during maintenance
- Dockwalker training at Napa Valley Yacht Club
- RBS program going strong throughout the Division
- Flotilla 57 receives the “Friend of Adult Education Award”
- Public education courses taught throughout Division, including a class at Travis AFB

DETAILS

- On 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, members from Division 5 participate in the joint, on-the-water training activities with Station Rio Vista. In February, two facilities--Grumpy and Christa II participated in the joint training. Auxiliary facility Osprey also participated in the joint training with CGSTA Vallejo.
- There were two callouts for hoax Mayday transmissions, continued to monitor this situation, but the hoaxer has not been on the air recently. For more information regarding hoax Mayday incident, please refer to Jeff Price, DSOCM report
- Two members stood comm watch on February 23, at Jenner and Mare Island Hi-site, while Rescue 21 tested the system with the Mare Island installation.

- On March 16th, there was a Dockwalker training session was held at Napa Valley Yacht Club, presented by Vivian Matuk from DBW/California Coastal Commissions. Total of 18 members attended the training session.
- Division 5 Recreational Boating Safety activities, such as vessel exams and program visits are going strong. Total of 88 program visits were reported last month. Upon receiving the VSC decals, members started to perform vessel exams throughout the Division AOR. More members are getting qualified as vessel examiners and program visitors.
- Flotilla 57 recently received the "Friend of Adult Education Award" from the Contra Costa area of the California Council for Adult Education.
- There were several ABS and BS&S classes that were taught throughout the Division in February and in March, including a recent ABS class taught at Travis Air Force Base on March 20th.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- A group of members of Division 5 have been participating in recreational boating safety activities at Travis Air Force Base since 2008. RBS missions such as public affairs station at their "Safety Days", free basic boating safety courses to the Air Force personnel were among the few. Future events will also include vessel safety checks at the base.
- Dockwalker training sessions will be made available at Flotilla levels throughout the Division AOR, working closely with Vivian Matuk, Department of Boating & Waterways, California Coastal Commissions.
- Another cadet from California Maritime Academy is participating in their community service program. Mr. Esteban Ugarte participated in Ferry Vessel Audits with the members from Flotilla 52 on Saturday, March 20, 2010. Next event to participate will be as a guest on board Auxiliary Facility, Osprey, for safety/training patrol on April 10, 2010.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dockwalker Training session at Benicia Yacht Club on April 1, 1830
- Division 5 Operation Training Exercise is scheduled for April 24 at CGSTA Vallejo. There will not be a QE session on this date.

QE only event is scheduled for June 26 at CGSTA Vallejo.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6

HIGHLIGHTS:

The 9th annual Valentine's Dinner held at the Station Monterey dining hall was a huge success. Flotilla 6-4 along with members of Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 planned the event, purchased the provisions, cooked the meal, served the attendees and cleaned up afterward. There was a larger turnout of station staff and their families including the CO and XO. Preparations are already being made for next year.

- A major QE session is being planned by Flotillas 6-4, 6-7 and 6-10 to be held at Santa Cruz Harbor on April 25th. The plans are for one initial coxswain, two requal coxswain, 3 crew in reyr requal, and 5 initial crew qualifications. With 11 individuals going through the qualification process it will be an intense and hopefully productive day.

DETAILS:

1. Division 6 AuxNet call out continues on each Monday of the month. Currently 11 Auxiliary radio facilities are participating with occasional communication with Station Monterey Comms.

2. Division 6 has been assigned 115 PATONS for verification this year. This is an increase over last year, where we had a 100% task completion, and includes one aid 20 miles off of Moss Landing.
3. 27 February – Santa Cruz Harbor Tsunami Patrol Operation Facility 301219 had a scheduled Safety & Training Patrol already on the calendar. Early that morning, a massive earthquake in Chile triggered tsunami warnings throughout the Pacific. Patrol members held a lengthy discussion as to how best the facility and crew could be utilized while maintaining a “GAR Score” in the green. Communication with both the Harbor Patrol and Station Monterey arrived at the conclusion that the facility and crew presence could be utilized to warn the public about the dangers of a tsunami, inform mariners of the impending event, and recommend that spectators stay well back from the water. Furthermore, if any emergencies were to occur, the facility could assist in response. The first surges of the tsunami began at approximately 1245 and continued for the next several hours. Five to six evolutions, each lasting about 15 – 20 minutes, were experienced. The surge events consisted of a significant outflow of water followed by the incoming surge. The surge was measured approximately 4 ½ ft. at the fuel dock. Fortunately, although it was an amazing event, there were no significant reports of damage
4. Current member training being offered by Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10. A two consecutive Saturday February 6 and February 13 offering of the AUXSEA course has been completed. Two consecutive Saturday March 6 and March 13 offering AUXPAT has been completed.
5. Flotilla 6-4 will be offering in April both About Boating Safely as a PE course and AUXWEA as a MT course.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS:

1. Station Monterey has provided three surplus RDF units to the Auxiliary to be refurbished and put to use.
2. TCT will be facilitated at Station Monterey by the Auxiliary on March 31st. Both active duty Coast Guard and members of the Auxiliary will be in the class.
3. Members of Flotilla 6-4 are continuing to provide fingerprinting service for the active duty members of Station Monterey. This is a great service for the active duty members as it negates their having to go to Oakland for this requirement.
4. Flotilla 6-1 provided a going away gift for Senior Chief Kirk McKay, Officer-In-Charge of Coast Guard Motor Life Boat Station Morro Bay. The Flotilla presented to the Senior Chief's wife a necklace with a small silver replica of a Motor Life Boat

UPCOMING Events, Dates and Location:

1. Preparations are being made by all four flotillas for NSBW at their respective marinas and boating supply stores. Coastie will be an added attraction this year at Santa Cruz Harbor.
2. Flotilla 67 has set up dates for three “Boating Safety Booth” functions in March on the 27th at the West Marine Store on 17th Avenue in Santa Cruz to tie in with their annual Fishing Supplies Sale prior to the hoped for Salmon Season Opening day the following Saturday April.
3. Plans are being formulated for a Coast Guard Week recognition and activities to be held on Monterey during the first week of August.

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 and *USCG Cutter Hawksbill*.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7

DETAILS

1. The Division participated in the Utah Boat Show and Water Sports Expo over 11-14 February at the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy, Utah. SO-PA Linda Sterling set up the service in two-hour watches throughout the four days of the show. Twenty-six members stood one or more watches for a total of 112.6 hours. The member count represents twenty-six percent of the Division's membership. Twenty-seven visitors signed up for additional information on membership; 49 signed up for boating safety classes; and 58 signed up for VSC's on their boats. The four Flotillas that make up Division 7 are working through the contact lists to follow up on their interests.
2. Member Training
 - a. Ham Radio classes for the General and Technician licenses are continuing, taught by Morris Farmer.
 - b. An AUXPAT class is being taught by Kevin Woodruff
 - c. OPTREXs are being planned for June and August
 - d. An AUXNAV class is being planned for November-December to be followed by the new SAR class.
3. The Division will teach an on-water SAR class to Utah Park rangers and other law enforcement personnel at Utah Lake on 14-15 April under the leadership of Lou Carroll and Roger Bennett.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

The Division received a request from the Utah Department of Natural Resources to join them in a Children's Fair at the International Sportsman's Expo, also being held at the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy in March. Initially, the format for their presentation did not have Auxiliary involvement, and so the Division did no formal planning for the event. However, our members will participate on an individual basis and will coordinate their time through the DNR contact.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES, AND LOCATIONS

D-Train is the next major event for the Division. Six members are registered to attend.

Safe Boating Week is the next major local event for the Division. SO-VE Kay Hansen is planning to place VSC Stations on Jordanelle Reservoir, Strawberry Reservoir, and Utah Lake on Saturday 22 May. If we have enough examiners qualified by the 22nd to support additional effort, we shall also work Pineview Reservoir and Deer Creek Reservoir.

The Division is planning an OPTREX in June for member training (no QE required) and an OPTREX in August (QE required). The request for dates has been sent to Dean LaChapelle, ADSO-OP for approval. Because of Utah's short boating season, these will be the major efforts. If the weather holds good, we'll try for another signoff date in September.

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

1. The Division's goal for Safe Boating Week is to complete fifty VSC's.

2. The Division will also conduct training in on-water SAR procedures to Utah State Park Rangers on Utah Lake in April and will take part in a similar event on Lake Powell as part of the Glen Canyon Recreational Area's training program in early May.
3. Planning has started for staging an AUXNAV class after the boating season ends. Because this class is so complex, we are thinking of using multiple instructors rather than only one.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8

HIGHLIGHTS:

Crescent City – UPDATE QUALS, SPEGHETTI FEED, HEALTH FAIR, AUX. BALL

Eureka – REQUEST FUNDS FOR COASTIE REPAIR, ABC CLASS, VE-SCHEDULING,

Mendocino – WHALE FESTIVAL, NOYO RIVER STATION ST. PAT'S DAY, PREP FOR NOYO RIVER OPEN HOUSE

Lake County - ST PATRICKS DAY FEED, PREPING FOR LIFE JACKET GIVE-AWAY

Division – ATTENDED DOCK-WALKER CLASS, ATTENDED ST. PAT'S FEED, WORKING WITH LT. STARR – HUMBOLDT GROUP, PREPARING MAIL OUT TO AGENCIES.

DETAILS:

Crescent City 8-11

Flotilla Commander Becky Barlow: Getting recertification's done for boat crew folks; Ops and TCT annual refresher courses are scheduled for next weekend; One rescue for 2010 so far; Spaghetti Feed attended by 67 folks and several expressed an interest in Aux membership; The flotilla has \$400.00 toward a Life Jacket Give-away; Setting up the 1st annual CG Auxiliary Ball for May 8th. The Sea Cadets will be included; The flotilla will have a booth at the Health Fair in June.

Eureka 86

Flotilla Commander Thom O'Connor: ABC class taught last weekend and another scheduled for May 1st and perhaps another in July; VEs every 2nd Saturday is a goal; One member qualified on the Noyo Station 47; Mentoring two prospects for elected positions in the future; Problems with the receiver and headset Coastie equipment. This equipment needs replacing. A motion was made by Wayne Farnholtz to pay the expenses incurred for Coastie repair from the Special Funds set aside for that purpose. Bruce Rogerson 2nd the motion. Motion carried; Richard Kerr is taking responsibility for Coastie. He has reworked the manual on Coastie and improved the log maintained for the use of Coastie.

Mendocino 87

Flotilla Commander Harold Hauck: Whale Festival is two weekends and 0887 set up information booths each weekend; 87 will attend the St. Patrick's Day lunch at Noyo Station; Plans to use Coastie at the Open House at Noyo Station in June and again on July 3rd for the Mendocino Parade; Considering boat patrols on Lake Mendocino this Summer; The COW for 0887 is planned for Dec. 4th, 1130 hrs until 1330 hrs.

Lake County 88

Dane Hayward: 88 plans to serve lunch to AD personnel at Noyo Station on St. Patrick's Day; Still trying to get VE decals—SO-VE, Poplinger will send a few to 88, but would like them returned when 88 receives theirs; Life jacket give-away is planned for May 15th @ the Clearlake WalMart, CHP and CDF will be there with equipment on display; FC and VFC are attending D-Train.

DIVISION EIGHT

I took the dock walking class in Napa during March and plan to use that with American Water Way watch and VE- inspections.

As it has become usual, the St. Patrick's Day feast at Noyo River Station was another wonderful success and very welcomed by station personnel. This year Flotilla Commander Dane Hayward – 88 – did the organization of the feed (under the watchful eyes of Supervisor Betty Strach) – and elected this year to provide bbq tri-tips. I have had tri-tips many times..but these were fabulous. Vice Flotilla Commander Gary Dromi-88 did the bbq'ing and Past District Captain Jerry Collins came down the night before and marinated the meat and sliced it thin... and was fabulous.

I am in the process of sending letters to ALL federal and state groups, organizations, or departments within our AOR as introduction to the Auxiliary and consideration of the type of things the Auxiliary can assist in addition to this, I am working on another power point presentation to include in the mail out – that provides photos and information regarding what Division Eight contributes and types of things we do. There will be insert in the mail out regarding America Water Way Watch program.

I am communicating weekly with Lt. Starr of Humboldt Air Station and providing him information whenever he needs it and provide open communication channel between the Gold Side and Auxiliary.

Up-Coming/Events

Flotilla 8-11 Flotilla meeting – April 28th

Flotilla 88 – Flotilla meeting – April 3rd

Flotilla 87 - Flotilla meeting – April 10th

Flotilla 86 – Flotilla meeting - April 17th

Flotilla 8-11

Feb. 20th – Spaghetti Feed – open to the public

May 8th – Formal Dance

Flotilla 88

May 15th – Life Jacket Give-away

April 17th – Flotilla 88 patrol for Lakeport Regatta

May 1st - Flotilla 88 assist to Clean-up lake shoreline

July – 4th – Stand-by patrols for card-board boat lake races

July – 24th- Rummage sale

Flotilla 87

TBA

AGENCY INTERACTIONS:

None this month with the exception of St. Patrick's Day feed at Noyo River Station.

Glen Funk stood in as Watch-Stander so that some of the personnel could enjoy their meals.

DIVISION GOALS:

– Key components of this year's GOALS for the DIVISION:

- To retain membership – keep close attention to those members we now have –especially the new people – give them authority, give them task, pay attention to them, recognize them, give them a mentor and make them feel part of the team.

- Create new blood for Division Staff Officers for the future. – Take on assistants to help you and to guide them with knowledge regarding a specific position.
- Identify and provide guidance to potential leadership positions within each flotilla for future elected officers and specifically aid in obtaining required courses, ie, ICS, APC, etc.
- To have each flotilla in the Division concluding a plus 4 “net” membership. Recruit & retain!!!
- To provide substantial effort to develop Flotilla 8-6 to continue as an independent flotilla in 2011 by increasing membership and getting local leadership roles and elected officers in place. After all the work the O’Connor’s have done, as well as many of us throughout the division, it would be a shame to have to make this a detachment.
- To explore and develop a minor Division Fund Raiser.
- To continue with support to Flotilla’s on their annual operations in a **safe and effective** manner.

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10

HIGHLIGHTS

- Planning for OPEX’s

DETAILS

- All Flotillas are planning for OPEX’s in the spring.
An ABS class is taught twice a month every month by Flotilla 10-05.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Flotilla 10-02 and 10-05 members are working closely with the Boy Scouts planning water safety programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- None at this time.

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

1. Identify those who have not completed their qualifications for 2010 and find necessary assistance.
2. Planning for the new year and getting a calendar together.
3. Current Standing Rules for all flotillas.

David Law, DCDR-11

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Boat Crew Training with Station Tahoe
2. Hook Line & Sinker Fishing Tournament at Pyramid Lake
3. VSC Decal Availability
4. Patrols For Upcoming Events

DETAILS

1. Boat Crew Training continues at the request of Station Tahoe. Training is weather dependent
2. Four Auxiliary Facilities and two Land Mobile Facilities will provide safety patrols at Pyramid Lake for the weekend of March 13th & 14th. This tournament draws more than two hundred

fishermen to a desert lake with extremely cold water and a propensity for sudden high winds and rough water

3. VSC Decals are needed for planned "Tahoe Blitz". Lack of decals could jeopardize this project
4. Safety Patrols for Polar Bear Swim, Paddle Board Race, at Tahoe
5. Reno Boat show and Sno-Fest Parade will be supported by Division Flotilla Members

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. At the request of Station Lake Tahoe, Auxiliary Division facilities will be conducting regatta patrols for the Hook Line & Sinker Fishing Derby on March 13th & 14th at Pyramid Lake, NV. Full comms will be available each day of this event
2. Flotilla Facilities will support StationTahoe during lake events

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES, AND LOCATIONS

1. March 6th Sno-Fest parade Tahoe City
2. March 6th Polar Bear Swim Lake Tahoe
3. March 13th Paddle Board Race Lake Tahoe
4. March 13th & 14th: Hook Line & Sinker Fishing Derby at Pyramid Lake, NV
5. March 12th through 14th: Reno Boat Show
6. March 20th TCT training at Station Tahoe

DIVISION GOALS

1. Update Division Standing Rules

Increase Safe Boating Training with interagency partners

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12

HIGHLIGHTS and DETAILS

1. We are working with Sail America and hope to have a booth at the April 15-18 Boat Show at JLS Oakland.
2. All PATON sheets have been distributed. Goal is to have all timely completed.
3. Division OPTREX scheduled for June 19th with a mandatory practice June 5th for first time applicants. Location CGI small boat dock. Listed on District calendar.
4. No March Division meeting due to D-TRAIN March 26-28. All members are encouraged to attend in Rohnert Park
5. PE classes scheduled: 12-1 offering SS&S starting Wednesday March 3 at OYC; 12-3 looking for instructors to assist with its ambitious class schedule; 1291 MT ACN class in final weeks in San Ramon. 12-91 scheduling 6 Suddenly In Command classes at Brannan Island State Park during the summer.
6. NSBW chairman is Stuart Hunter. 12-91 scheduling Art & Wind Festival booth.
7. Operations: 12-1 training ops continue April 10. 12-91 held two patrols in March, one Mar 17 for Sta. Rio Vista training needs and a second Mar 22 for Sta SF needs. The March 17 patrol included an exercise with AUXAIR.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

None

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- 1 April 15 - 18 JLS boat show
- 2 June 5 OPS U/W training and workshops
- 3 June 19 Div 12 OPTREX with QE

DIVISION GOALS

1. Assist rebuilding of flotillas.
2. Provide training opportunities for members of the Division

Judy Esteban, P-PCA

- Breakfast Meeting Sunday March 28th at D-TRAIN in Rohnert Park

PCA Fair - February 20 & 21, 2010 – submitted by Mary Kirkwood

Number of Attendees:

219 Auxiliarists registered for the event, 198 actually attended. Flotillas 5-3 and 6-10 each had 28.57% of their Flotillas in attendance and will split \$100.

Registration fees collected:

\$2340

Curriculum:

14 different courses were offered: ATON Aid Verifiers, Chart Updating, Basic Computer Programs, Boat Crew Academy, Coastie, Driver Improvement Course, Ferry Vessel Auditing, ICS-210, New Member Orientation, Program Visitor, TCT (8 hr) course, Use of the Internet, Vessel Examiner Course, and Weather or Not.

Highlights:

- ICS-210: 34 Auxiliarists completed course
- Boat Crew Academy
- New Member Orientation
- Instructor Update

New for this Fair:

- Registration confirmation by email
- \$10 early-bird registration, \$15 after cutoff date
- Marine Safety booth in Registration area

Please submit suggestions for classes for the August Fair

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Recreational Boating Safety Workshop
- Flotilla 1-7 Dinner Meeting
- Division 4 meeting

- NSBW Chairpersons

DETAILS

- Attended the Recreational Boating Safety Workshop in San Diego. Attended presentations from the Boating Safety Law Administrators from California, Nevada, Arizona and Utah. It was interesting and educational hearing the boating safety challenges that the State officials are facing. It is great to have the reinforcement that the VSC's, PV's, boating classes, etc. that we offer are appreciated by the State officials.
- I had the opportunity to attend a dinner meeting for Flotilla 1-7. The format of the meeting was great and we had the added pleasure of having Lt. Melissa Ownby from the Coast Guard make a presentation on Arctic issues. Thanks for the invitation!!
- Attended the monthly meeting for Division 4.
- There are still a couple of Divisions that need to forward the names of their NSBW chairpersons to Jerry McAlwee.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

No contacts so far this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- DTRAIN on March 26-28.
- Division 10 OPTREX at Don Pedro on April 17 and 18.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES

HIGHLIGHTS

- Response Goals
- Contact with Division Commanders
- Contact with DSO-AV, DSO-OP & DSO-COM
- Operations Ground School @ PCA Fair
- Dublin St. Patrick's Day Festival
- Patrol Area Coordinator's Meeting

DETAILS

- Discussed 2010 Goals and activities for Response with DSOs AV, OP and CM.
- Have consulted with each of the Division Commanders 3, 11, and 12.
- Have consulted with DSOs for AV, OP and CM to establish joint operations event at Brannan Island this summer.
- Helped teach very successful Operation Ground School @ PCA Fair February 20-21, Coast Guard active duty personnel assisted.
- Attended the St. Patrick Day Festival where Division 12 had an information booth. The event was extremely well attended and the booth workers, headed by Roger Haynes DCDR, were busy handing out RBS information and talking to the public
- Attended QE training @ CGI February 27 and helped develop required District Operations Workshop materials.
- Attended and participated in the District's Patrol Area Coordinator's Meeting Wednesday March 17. Both CG and Aux were represented. AUXLO, ASC, DSOs AV, CM and OP were participants as well as a number of Station OICs.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

No contacts so far this month

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Plan to attend DTRAIN at Rohnert Park March 26-28

Plan to attend OPTREX at Lake Shasta

DISTRICT CAPTAIN'S GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

- Attend as many Division meetings as practical.
- Assist in developing D11N Response plans for 2010

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SPT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Projects
- PA
- Contact with Division Commanders
- C.G. Support
- PCA Fair
- C.G. Support
- Patrol Area Coordinator's Meeting

DETAILS

1. Worked on Projects assigned by DCO:
 - Heraldry; recommendations Draft Submitted (Committee - DCDR/3 HAN and DSO-PA McAlwee)
 - Tele-Conferencing; On-going
 - PPE Survey; Complete
 - October, Brannon Island Air, Surface & LMR OPEX continuing development
 - Contacted SO-OP/3, Ensign Brown POMS, DSO-OP, IOC Station Rio Vista, and two AUXAIR members regarding Air-Surface Communications Training policies.
2. Public Affairs; Gave a 30 minute talk to 200 members of the "Washington Outboard Motor Boaters Club" in West Sacramento 09 Feb.
3. Have consulted with each of the Division Commanders 5, 6, and 8.
4. C.G Support:
 - Attended Decommissioning *Middletown LORAN-3 Station 9940*, 11 Feb. Meeting with the Div-8 CDR.
 - Attended acceptance Ceremony for "*RESCUE 1*" Group Humboldt Bay
5. Attended PCA Fair as an Observer
6. Attended QE training on CGI February 27 and helped develop this year's Dist-11n's Ops Workshop.
7. Attended the District's by-monthly Patrol Area Coordinator's meeting March 17.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

DTRAIN at Rohnert Park March 26-28. Will attend

DCAP SUPPORT/ PLANNING GOALS-PLANS

- Attend as many Division meetings as practical.
- Continue assigned projects.

ATTACHMENT C

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 26 March 2010

Jeff Price, DSO-CM

Rescue 21: The Rescue 21 system is up and running in Group Humboldt's AOR and several Auxiliary members have sat in on some discussions pertaining to the new system. The Sector Command Staff asked me if I would be interested in taking part in the actual Operations training of R21. I accepted the offer with honor and completed the mandatory 24 hour course and I am now qualified to work in the Command Center when the system gets fully operational. Taking this course helped with the operational side of how things work and how the Auxiliary will be losing many transmitting frequencies. Several meetings in the coming weeks will discuss exactly what frequencies the Auxiliary will be able to transmit on. Final approval of what the communicators can talk on will come from CHIDIRUX. I hope to have some of this resolved by Fleet week.

New Radio Call Signs: I have been in discussion with the National Telecommunications people and we have been discussing the need to change the call sign process. I have developed a very user friendly call sign platform that has been sent to my Communication counterparts not just at National but other DSO-CM. Several conference calls have taken place and ideas have been exchanged and I believe full deployment of the new call signs will be approved by the Chief Director's Office very soon. After the CHIDIRAUX accepts, then it will be sent out to each District Office. The new call signs may be in database form so they will be very easy to control for both Fixed Land and Mobile. More to follow as it becomes available.

Mavericks 2009: The Auxiliary Communications unit took part in the Mavericks surfing competition in the Half Moon Bay area. We transported the Sector Communications van to the Vandenberg AFB Tracking radar station that looked over the surfing area. The Comms trailer had an OS1 and a Command Duty Officer, both from Sector and they both worked the radios. Our job was to take over Comms when they needed a break or wanted to take a look at the competition. The Sector asked me to attend the HOT WASH that took place a few days later and ideas were brought up about how things could work a little differently. I sent a very detailed report to the Sector Command and they have placed what was stated in their after action so that they can use the lessons learned in November of this year.

HOAX MAYDAY CALLER: Sector San Francisco tasked the Communications unit to help assist with direction finding in the Vallejo area. Communication units from D5 were called out to help assist and that assistance paid off. The D/F pointed into the Mare Island area and the new Rescue 21 backed up our findings. Station Vallejo played a pivotal role in helping with finding the person calling. They may have done a better job than they think because the hoaxer has stopped transmitting.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR DIRECTION FINDING: I received a call from the MLCPACAREA in regards to persons transmitting over the TRACEN's Police frequency. We were given the frequency to D/F and we successfully completed the mission and the results were sent to both the FCC (who we worked with on the case), the Chief of Police at the TRACEN and the MLCPACAREA. This type of call for assistance has never come our way and it was truly an honor to serve and help solve the frequency issue.

A VERY SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I would like congratulate Mr. Guy Malloy for being accepted into the States COML training program. Mr. Mallory has been instrumental in the Communications department from the H/F side as well as the SHARES side. He has worked with the National Communications team in both standing by for the Haiti earthquake and the Chilean Earthquake. Mr.

Mallory is the Division Staff Officer for Communication in Division 10 and I thank him very much for ALL that he has done and continues to do. BZ to you Mr. Mallory!

New Repeater Equipment: I was advised by the Commodore at the last District meeting that funds for the new repeater will not be available. I have decided to fund this effort myself as I believe that our membership deserves the best in what the Communications Department has to offer. My ADSO-CM for repeaters has been given an amount that he will be allowed to spend out of my own pocket. He has assured me that he will be within the guidelines. As soon as I get the green light, we will be installing the new system with the Sector's blessing.

DTRAIN: The Communications Department has been asked to help out with communications at the event. I will have the Sector Communications trailer on location as well as portable radios with ear buds. The radios will be assigned to those in the red shirts.

Several High Profile Search and Rescue Cases: During the past couple of weeks and months, the ACU's (Auxiliary Communication Units) have been involved in some very significant cases that have turned out positive and some that were less positive. A very special THANK YOU to ALL the Mobile Communicators who not only take the time to come out and dedicate their time to a patrol but also list themselves as being available in the ARMS System. We have some of the best around when it comes to response! The ACU have been acknowledged by the Coast Guard's District and Sector PA Department.

*******The Following is a continual message from the LCDR at Sector San Francisco. The amount of false MAYDAYS is getting way out of hand from all over the District. The violations also come as "Radio Checks (which are illegal) and children playing around on their parent's radio. Clearly the hoax MAYDAY can be disguised as anything! *******

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO:

LCDR Lusk – Sector Command Center Chief has asked ALL members of this Auxiliary (radio operator or not) that have marine radios either in their home or vehicle to listen in whenever possible on VHF CH16. There have been a BIG number of FALSE MAYDAYS that have come in. If the member happens to hear the MAYDAY call the member is requested to call the Sector Command Center at 415-399-3530. The Member can really make a difference because he or she can narrow the search field down dramatically if he or she gives either his or her LAT/LONG or geographic location and how strong he or she heard the transmission.

AUX RADIO NET: 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.

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 a part 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 its kind in the entire Coast Guard Auxiliary. Some issues have come up in the recent past as to the exact call out process and who controls that

platform. It needs to be noted that the CALL OUT is in direct response to what SECTOR SF wants and therefore they can make advisements as to who they feel can respond to their calls. I strongly encourage all communicators that wish to be called out to be in and active in this system because there is NO OTHER WAY TO GET CALLED OUT. This position is a dispatching port therefore all AWO's have been instructed to utilize the availability list AT ALL TIMES. Bottom line is that if you are not on this list, or you are and not active on the daily list then you will not be activated, period! ALL MOBILES THAT WORK UNDER ORDERS NEED TO BE IN THE SYSTEM.

NOTE FOR LAND MOBILE OPERATORS:

When requesting orders in POMS, please use the drop down box for "Select Station" and select "Land Mobile". This choice is between Sector SF Prevention and Station Rio Vista. Then in the comments section, at the very bottom of the order request page, state which Area, Station or other unit you will be working with and your intentions while on patrol.

It should also be noted that the ADSO-OP/PAC/LM is activating all POMS related Mobile missions. This will help in the reporting of all missions. All SO-CM and FSO-CM should encourage each and every mobile to get involved with some kind of patrol within their own Division to get familiar with their area of responsibility. Currently there is no need for mobiles during the week unless approved by the ADSO-OP/PAC/LM. Most of the patrol work should be directed towards the weekend. Please note that the patrols will be looked at very carefully to assure that vehicles are not over saturating areas listed in POMS. Summer is here and this would be the time to get out there and patrol. Please submit through POMS and notify me in advance of the patrol date so I can activate.

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS

1. Development of a data base driven website is moving forward in D11SR. Bill Darling and Alex Belleque have volunteered to use that development for D11NR. This will simplify editing and offer opportunities for non webmasters to post some information, especially the calendar. Our goal is to activate it by 2011. There will be minor changes in appearance.
2. Usage of the Auxiliary template offers branding similar to the Coast Guard. There are now 15 flotillas and divisions using template branding. This is not a requirement and is determined by each unit.
3. The Best of Web 2010 Award evaluations are complete and ready to award during D-Train. Our evaluators spent much time and took their missions seriously. The evaluators were challenged by our district outstanding unit websites. Thank you to those who evaluated, it was not an easy job.
4. The PCA Fair technology classes for both internet and program users, were the first of its kind. Participants found the classes useful and will be offered in the future. Also, by popular request, there will be a webmaster's workshop to share web development techniques in the August PCA Fair.
5. The Webalizer Report gives the Daily Averages for "Pages" and "Visits." As our pages have been moved to various subsites, it is now necessary to view all reports to an accurate picture. It appears there may be less total usage within the last few months. This may be the result of less district emails being sent to the members regarding website features. It is recommended for DSOs to send messages to their email group regarding new features in their content area.

Home page: <http://d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>
 Resource: <http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>
 Operations & Calendar: <http://operations.d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>
 Air: <http://air.d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>
 Navigations Systems: <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>
 Marine Safety: <http://ms.d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>
 Services: <http://services.d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>
 Photo Gallery: <http://fellowship.d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>
 Boating Safety: <http://rbs.d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>
 Public Education: <http://public.d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>
 New Member: <http://members.d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>
 Store: <http://shop.d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN

Annual dues are outstanding from Division 10. All other Divisions are paid.

EXCOM and DSOs ... Please get expense reimbursement requests for Q1 in ASAP.

Forms 7025, Unit financial reports – Report is submitted separately by Stephen Chan ADSO-FN/F.

REMINDER – The audit committee has requested materials from all units not yet audited. Please get them in ASAP. We will be doing audits at DTrain if anyone brings their audit materials.

Richard Thomas, DSO-HR

	TOTAL 2008	TOTAL 2009	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Approved Members	1456	1465	N/A	1474	1477			
Members In Process	N/A	N/A	13	15	7			
Retired Request	10	11	0	0	0			
Deceased	4	8	0	1	0			
Natn'l Phone Inquiries	331	192	37	23	16			
Disenrolled for Non-Dues	94	91	3	0	1			
Disenrolled by Request	19	36	0	0	0			
Total Disenrollments	127	171	3	1	1			

I have concluded my special project on personally contacting every new national inquiry applicant. After I made personal contact with them I would forward the information to Bob Davidson, ADSO-HR who would send to the appropriate flotilla. I want to thank all the SO-HRs and Bob Davidson for their special attention to this project. I will be doing a follow-up in approximately six weeks with each of the contacts I made and will issue a report in July. I would like to urge all elected officers to really plan on special projects especially for NSBW to bring in new members. Please do not hesitate to contact me, Rich Thomas, (707) 489-0466, should you like any suggestion or feedback.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS

No new information for IS. I have compiled the awards for presentation at the conference and there are 160 plaques.

There will be 104 distributed to the DCDRs at the board meeting:

Div 1 - 18	Div 7 - 8	Div 5 - 16	Div 11 - 8
Div 3 - 20	Div 8 - 2	Div 6 - 11	Div 12 - 5
Div 4 - 7	Div 10 - 9		

Sue Fry, DSO-MS

ACTIVITIES

America's Waterway Watch events
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Program
Uninspected Passenger Vessel Program
Domestic Inspections, Lifteraft Inspections
Ferry Audit Program
Marine Safety Observation Missions
Marine Safety Training Ribbon
Regional Exam Center, Licensing/Testing/Course Audit development
Pacific Strike Team, Novato
DTRAIN

AMERICA'S WATERWAY WATCH

Events and local clubs are to be targeted for the AWW presentation and distribution of materials with at least 2 per quarter. AWW will be represented at the Commissioning of the Watschae, at the COC for ADM Breckenridge and at DTRAIN.

COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL SAFETY

It is still unclear whether a commercial season will be supported by the Fishing Council. Fisherman are hesitant about spending money on updating and requalifying equipment because of the lack of funds. If a Salmon season is scheduled then a SAFE CRAB EXAM SURGE will be done dockside a week before the commercial season opens.

UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSEL PROGRAM

Implementation began at mid Feb with calls to all those mariner's holding the Coast Guard Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessel licenses, otherwise known as the "six pack" license, who live within Monterey Bay ,Bodega Bay San Francisco Bay, Delta regions during March.

Many mariners are not using their licenses, do not have vessels or are working for UC Research Institutes or Sailing Schools. Due to the mariner's lifestyle many have relocated to other areas as 38 letters were returned.

Manny Ramirez of the CFVS office held initial UPV training on 17 March at CGI. Four new AUX completed the course and will proceed to complete the PQS and required exams.

DOMESTIC INSPECTIONS, LIFERAFT INSPECTIONS

Contact was made with the Domestic Inspection Chief and the active Auxiliarist in the Department. An

Auxiliarist will be beginning work on the Machinery PQS during the coming week. Lifteraft inspections are continuing to be assigned with the ADSO-MS/L notifying qualified Auxiliarists.

FERRY VESSEL AUDIT PROGRAM

The ADSO-MS/FV reports 40 people at the PCA Fair FVA class. 18 new auditors were trained, which brings the total qualified to 68. To date 32 audits have been completed with 8 scheduled for the weekend.

The walkthrough training has raised a lot of interest. During the first week of May the BAYLINK Ferry will host the auditors aboard at the dock. Auditors will take a complete tour with a CG Instructor. Many simple and complex questions will be answered to cover many levels of experience.

Audit Partners have been used to partner an experienced auditor with a newbie

MARINE SAFETY OBSERVATION MISSIONS

This program is slowly developing an increasing cadre of trained personnel. A group from Division 4 received the training two weeks ago. The ADSO-MS OM is working on refining the areas to be driven to eliminate extra miles and to make the observations more efficient. This program is in conjunction with requests from Sector San Francisco.

Two MSOM missions were done by Div 6 and 1 by Div 1 in March.

PACIFIC STRIKE TEAM

There are two Auxiliary watchstanders from Flotilla 14. Their duties include answering phones, routing messages, greeting visitors, screening vendors and contractors, handling some light reports and filing thus freeing up team personnel and the command duty officer for primary responsibilities.

MARINE SAFETY TRAINING RIBBON

In order to have our Marine Safety ADSO's and SO's and other members up to speed on all the Marine Safety information and where to find answers to their questions we are encouraging the earning of the MS Training Ribbon. The courses can be found on the District Website for MS on the Trident page. This page lists all the courses necessary for the Ribbon. All the ICS, Good Mate, Introduction to Marine Safety and the Coast Guard course Initial Introduction to Marine Safety. All the courses are downloadable from the page and the only test that is proctored by the CG is the IIMS.(Initial Introduction)

This test is being given at DTRAIN, as well as an hour review of the material before the test. We have fully subscribed the test at 20 members.

REGIONAL EXAM CENTER

The National Maritime Center now handles all Licensing and Documentation. The local REC still does testing, grading, and collection of mariner documents for forwarding to the NMC.

Under development is the Course Audit program. The NMC is reworking the parameters for what the local REC's will do for Course Auditing and the REC will recommend what the Auxiliarists will do.

Hopefully, that will come about before many months pass.

COMMERCIAL VESSEL Mission at NATIONAL under development

A new National Commercial Vessel Team is being formed to exp[and training and implementation in this mission area. Director Kester and Deputy Director Murphy are on the development team.

DTRAIN MARINE SAFETY SCHEDULE

0730-0830 Opening Ceremonies,

Room #1:

0830-0930 Overview of Marine Safety Programs

0940-1030 MS OM training with overview by ADSO Robert Liu

1030-1230 First Half Hazmat/1st Responder/Awareness seminar by Jerry Bynum

1230-1400 Award Luncheon

1400-1600 2nd Half Hazmat/1st Responder/Awareness seminar

Room #2:

0830-0930 Review of Initial Introduction to Marine Safety by N. Tarlson

0935-1045 CG Proctored IIMS test

James Duncan, DSO-NS

1. PLANNING A WINNING ATON/CU PROGRAMS: Was New Orleans Saints becoming the 2010 Super Bowl Champions, just another lucky fluke? Not a chance! Before the necessary teamwork on the field is brought to bear with each team member executing their job with great precision against an opponent, Head Coach and his staff spends hours preparing for each game. Each game plan contains five elements—**Study, Planning, Preparation, Training and Execution**. As I gloat on this great New Orleans Saints win, it occurs to me that we could learn a great lesson from their management approach in the Navigation Systems ATON/Chart Updating programs.

2. The 2010 Coast Guard Light List: The new light list is now available from the Coast Guard Navigation Center web site and all other copies of the light list are now obsolete and should not be used. <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov> **The 2010 Light List Corrected through Coast Guard LNM 52/09** for D11 Coast Guard District just clicking on the map. The publication contains a list of lights, sound signals, buoys, daybeacons, and other aids to navigation. They are in PDF format and are approximately 3.17 MB in size. It is recommended that after downloading to save the files to their hard-drives. Print only the pages you need when you need them.

In order to provide the maritime community with the best possible product, the Coast Guard Navigation Center is offering two alternatives for those who would like the current black and white pages replaced. The new color pages may be downloaded from the Aids to Navigation Insert link below and printed locally for insertion and reference. <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>

All SO-NS, FSO-NS Staff Officers, Aid Verifiers, and all operational members should have a copy of this new Coast Guard Light List, Volume 6 on your computer for printing a hard copy for your AOR when needed for referencing aids to navigations within your AOR.

3. COAST GUARD DISTRICT 11 LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS: All SO-NS, FSO-NS Staff Officers, Aid Verifiers, and all operational members should also be getting a copy of the Local Notice to Mariners via email from U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center. The LNM has important information about your AOR such and Chart Updates, Light List updates, Bridge work information and GPS information. Sign up to get you weekly copy by just going too: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>.

4. LORAN-C TERMINATED: The Coast Guard published a Federal Register notice on Jan. 7, 2010, regarding its intention to terminate transmission of the LORAN-C signal **Feb. 8, 2010**. In accordance with the DHS Appropriations Act, the U.S. Coast Guard terminated the transmission of all U.S. LORAN-C signals effective **2000Z 08 Feb 2010**. At that time, the U.S. LORAN-C signal was permanently discontinued. This termination does not affect U.S. participation in the Russian American or Canadian LORAN-C chains. U.S. participation in these chains will continue in accordance with international agreements. The Canadian Coast Guard has also [issued a statement](#), which is shown on their website. The Coast Guard strongly urges mariners that had used LORAN-C for navigation to shift to a GPS

navigation system and become familiar with its operation as soon as possible. Mariners can't use LORAN-C for navigation as of Feb. 8, 2010. LORAN-C has, as a result of technological advancements in the last 20 years, become an antiquated system no longer required by the armed forces, the transportation sector or the nation's security interests and was used only by a small percentage of the population. The Coast Guard understands that LORAN-C was still used by a small segment of the public and that those users must shift to GPS or other systems. Continued use of limited resources to operate LORAN-C was no longer prudent use of taxpayer funds and is not allowed under the 2010 DHS Appropriation Act. The decision to cease transmission of the LORAN-C signal reflects the president's pledge to eliminate unnecessary federal programs.

5. PCA TRAINING: I conducted two classes at the Past Commanders Association Training Fair on February 20 & 21, 2010 at Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA.

(A). AID VERIFIERS: This qualification course and exam that was held on Saturday. The emphasis on the AV program was on prevention, accuracy, credibility, professionalism and service to the Coast Guard. Our focus in D11 Northern is directed toward building the recognition of each Auxiliary AV-Aid Verifier as a highly competent observer and reporter in the eyes of the Coast Guard. Guidelines for all Aid Verifiers have been established on our 2 web sites District & temporary National at <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html> and <http://www.uscgaan.com>. These guidelines include the taking and reporting of fixes and depths, the pre-underway and on-scene evaluation of the electronic equipment being used, high quality on-scene observations, and professional verification report preparation. Fixes are taken with GPS sets using WAAS or DGPS, physical measurements, photographs, and the comparison of all observations to the Light List, the Coast Pilot and to the applicable NOAA Nautical Chart should be included in the verification process.

(B). CHART UPDATING: Any Auxiliary Member who would like to update or improve their charting skills can by going to our District and temporary National web sites at <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html> and <http://www.uscgaan.com>. The focuses on the Auxiliary Chart Updating program is directed toward raising your competence in the eyes of NOAA-NOS by focusing on prevention, accuracy, credibility, professionalism and service to the NOAA-National Ocean Service. There are specific guidelines for taking fixes and depths that require pre-underway validation of all equipment that is used to perform measurements, and for reporting quality control evidence for each on-scene observation and instrument reading. Also required are explanations of the technique(s) used to acquire any reported data. Observers are directed to define each chart update task, list their on-scene observations, develop a conclusion from the collected evidence and make a final recommendation to NOAA-NOS. A fresh scientific approach is encouraged. Evidence can take the form of a fix taken with a GPS set using WAAS, depths corrected to the charted vertical datum, physical measurements, photographs, drawings, marked up chart and printouts from the Internet. Any official document that supports your contention is great support evidence. The Internet can also supply great supporting data. In effect, you are pleading the case for acceptance of your premise as a chart update to NOAA.

6. COAST PILOT 7 - 42ND EDITION 2010 IS NOW OUT: Coast Pilot 7 covers the coast of California, Oregon and Washington between Mexico to Canada's British Columbia coast. The Coast Pilot supplements the navigational information shown on the nautical charts. As Auxiliarist we are urged to report errors, omissions, or differing conditions to those found in the Coast Pilot, or shown on the charts, in order that they may be fully investigated and corrections made. Auxiliarist should use the **NS-CU05** Coast Pilot Text Correction Worksheet or use the Coast Pilot Report form which is included in the back of the Coast Pilot and attached to the **NS-CU03** Chart Updating form. These reports shall be sent to

the DSO-NS.

This edition has been corrected through: 11th Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners No. 42/09, Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Notice to Mariners. The needed Coast Pilot chapters covering your AOR can be downloaded from the internet to your computer at: <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm>

7. 2010 ATON, PATON, BRIDGE, & CHART UPDATING ACTIVITIES:

D11 (NR) Aids to Navigation, Bridge, & Chart Updating Summary Report Table for Divisional ATON & CU activities to date. This table covers all ATON, PATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating reports received by D11 (dpw), NOAA-NOS & AUXDATA through **February 28, 2010.**

2010 DIVISIONAL, BRIDGE, ATON, & CHART UPDATING SUMMARY REPORT

Div.	AIDS TO NAVIGATION					PATON's				BRIDGE's			2010 AV's	
	A	AI	P	U	PI	AOR	CHECK	% Done	STILL TO DO	BI	AOR	Check		% Done
1						108					4			21
3						46					13			13
4						65					2			8
5						104					9			16
6						115					2			8
8						4					1			2
10						45					10			10
11						88					N/A		N/A	11
12						176					9			12
Total						751		%			50		%	101
	2010-D11 Chart Updating Year Jan 1, 2010 to Dec 31, 2010					2009 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Apr 1, 2009 to Mar 31, 2010				2009 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Apr 1, 2010 to Mar 31, 2011				
Div	Report s	2nd Ob	CUC	Report s	2nd Ob	CUC	Report s	2nd Ob	CUC	Report s	2nd Ob	CUC		
1				2		237								
3														
4														
5														
6														
8														
10														
11														
12				14		533								
Total				16		770								
Total D11 Reports 1/1 through 12/31/10 →								0	Total NOAA CUC 4/1/10 to 3/31/11 →				0	

Total Aids to Navigation Reports		Total Members Submitting Reports →	
Total Aids to Navigation in AUXINFO		000 out of 000 reports showing up in AUXINFO →	%
Total Chart Updating Reports		A= ATON, P= PATON, B= Bridges, U= Unauthorized	
Total ATON & Chart Updating		NOAA-CUC=Charting Credit Points award by NOS to date.	
➤ Note: Red numbers above is the information from AUXINFO as of February 28, 2010 update.			
➤ We have started the 2009-2010 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year - April 1 through March 31.			
➤ We are in the D11NR Chart Updating Year - January 1 through December 31.			
➤ Note: The Red number under 2nd Ob indicates secondary Chart Updating Observers.			
➤ Note: "ALWAYS submit a 7030 for all ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating Activity. Your work is not completed until your 7030 is in your FSO-IS hands."			
➤ "Always check AUXINFO for your ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating activity. If you don't find your activity recorded and you have submitted the proper ANSC 7030, check with your FSO-IS or SO-IS for help."			

8. 2010 PATON FORMS AND BRIDGE SURVEY FORMS: The 2010 PATON Forms and Bridge Survey forms have been printed and distributed in February to all SO-NS Officers. They should have been sorted and distribute to your FSO-NSs. Aid Verifiers should start checking their aids and bridges now.

PATON Forms there is no change. I-ATONIS is generating the new 12 digit Aid Numbers starting (10011xxxxxxx), (200100xxxxxx) and the old 4 digit aid Number (1234) for all PATONs. The older ATONIS PATON numbers will remain the same until there is a major charge to the permit. Complete and return to the DSO-NS by mail or if you can scan by email.

BRIDGE Survey Form has a minor change. You will see the **Discrepant** or **Watching properly** boxes have been removed on the new 2010 Bridge Survey Form. Complete as is and return to the ADSO-NS/B by mail or if you can scan by email.

9. DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITIONS: D11 Northern Region had 8 New Chart Editions for 2009. We had only 2 New Chart Editions in 2008. See "**Dates of Chart Latest Edition Table**" for D11 Northern Region which is on page 7. Charts with edition dates prior to those listed in the table are obsolete for use in Navigation, ATON, PATON and Chart Updating activities. The date of a chart is of vital importance to patrol operations, aid verification and chart updating activities. When charted information becomes obsolete, further use of the chart for navigation may be dangerous. Natural and artificial changes, many of them critical, are occurring constantly; and it is important that we in the Auxiliary use the most up-to-date charts and publications. The web address below is an excellent source for charts to attach to your Chart Updating, ATON discrepancy reports & Unpermitted PATON's found because these charts are the most update charts you can get.

10. First Repeater - NAVIGATION SYSTEMS DIVISION GOALS:

- **ACCURACY** - To be exact & precise in everything we do.
- **CREDIBILITY** – Build a reputation for credibility.
- **PROFESSIONALISM** – Submit high grade ATON & Chart Updating reports.
- **SERVICE TO THE CG D11 (dpw) & NOAA-National Ocean Service** – We work under the direct supervision of the Coast Guard D11 (dpw) in the ATON, PATON & Bridge programs as well NOAA-National Ocean Service for all chart updating programs.

National Navigation Systems division developed these new forms (In EXCEL format) to meet our goals of Accuracy, Credibility, and Professionalism in our reports. These reports have all the information for the

Coast Guard & NOAA-NOS to take needed action. These new forms can be found and downloaded on your home or laptop computer from <http://www.uscgaan.com> the temporary National Navigation Systems web site (D1NR) and on D11NR Navigation Systems web site <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html> with how to fill out these new forms and loaded.

The new ATON Program Forms

- **NS-AN04** (Aids to Navigation Report)
- **NS-PN04** (Private Aids to Navigation Report)
- **NS-BP03** (Bridge Survey Report)
- **NS-AN10** (Aid to Navigation Worksheet) **[Best to use out in the Field]**

Every Auxiliary vessel and Aid Verifiers should carry copies of the **NS-AN10** (Aid to Navigation Worksheet) & **NS-BP03** (Bridge Survey Report) as your worksheets to report any discrepancies found while underway or out in the field. Use the first 3 New EXCEL formatted forms for sending a hard copy reporting discrepancies observed on Federal Short Range Aids to Navigation (ATON), Private Aids (PATON) & Bridges to be email to the DSO-NS for a fastest response to the proper USCG Unit.

The new Chart Updating Program Forms

- **NS-CU03** (Chart Updating Form)
- **NS-SC03** (Small Craft Facility Field Report)
- **NS-CU05** (Coast Pilot Text Correction Worksheet)
- Attached to **NS-CU03** (Chart Updating Form)

Every Auxiliary vessel and Aid Verifiers should carry copies of these 3 New EXCEL formatted forms. They are the only forms used by USCGAUX to submit informational data to the National Ocean Service, NOAA, Nautical Data Branch for possible chart changes, Coast Pilot changes, and other NOAA Publications via DSO-NS

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

AWARD: FOR OUTSTANDING FLOTILLA TROPHY IN OPERATIONS:

It is with sadness that I have to write that again we do not have a flotilla that meets the criteria to receive the above award. Many flotillas should have been able to receive it except for one item. This award is a perpetual trophy with a keeper award and should be given out every year.

This is the criteria:

1. All operational facilities must be currently inspected
2. The flotilla must have the highest number of operational hours
3. All Operational personnel in the Flotilla must have maintained the Region's minimum performance standards for the awards year and attended any mandatory workshops for the award year.

Award description is very straightforward. If you have members who are REYR and no longer wish to stay current have them taken out of the category they are in. Once a member has earned the Coxswain Pin, he/she can always wear it, but it hurts the flotilla to show them REYR in AUXDATA. Request DIRAUX to remove them from that qualification in AUXDATA.

BOAT CREW GROUND SCHOOL: We had our first Boat Crew Ground School in ten years during the February PCA Fair. Received high marks on the evaluation form and it appears we will have some

excellent crew personnel in the near future. This class will be offered again, at the PCA Fair, during February 2011.

Coxswains please advise where you see weakness in new crew so we can all direct better training in those needed areas.

QE MEETING ACTIONS: CHANGES IN REPORTING TARGETS W/RELATIVE BEARINGS OR CLOCK POSITIONS Important discussions included the reporting of bearings and securing lines cleats.

Operational Updates:

1. Reporting of bearings, while underway, is acceptable to be done by relative position or clock hour location whichever is safe and is preferred by the coxswain and preference explained during the pre-brief;
2. When securing a line to a standard cleat some references tell us to make a round turn and three figure eights others tell us to make a complete turn and three figure eights. On some boats the cleats are relatively small and will not accommodate the round turn thus, the complete turn is acceptable.
3. Weather hitches should not be used during towing evolutions when they are likely to jam and fingers get caught. One method is instead after the figure eights; take several complete turns around the cleat with the bitter end of the line.
4. When securing to a dock whatever method is safe and preferred by the Coxswain should be used.

D11N MANDATORY OPERATIONS WORKSHOP; Remember, Sunday morning, March 28 the Operations and the One Hour TCT Workshop will be presented at DTRAIN. Please see the below link for more information about DTRAIN and the offerings. <http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/d-train/index.html>

ICS-210 SIGN UP FOR DTRAIN: As most of us know 1 April 1 2010 is the final date for Coxswains to have taken their ICS-210. The class is being offered at DTRAIN and the class size will be limited. Anyone needing the class please email me and I will put your name on the class roster. Be advised if you know of any members who are Crew certified and thinking of going for Coxswains now is the time for them to also take the class. Unsure at this time when we are offering the next ICS-210 class.

OPTREX/OPEX REQUEST DATES: Please verify you have requested alternate dates for your events. The first request with candidates that are ready for a Qualification Examiner will have priority.

REQUALIFICATION DATES: Several members have asked when they are due for on the water requalification. We are on a three year cycle:

LAST CHECK RIDE: 2005 OR 2006 – MEMBER WAS DUE 2009 LAST CHECK RIDE: 2007 – MEMBER IS DUE 2010 LAST CHECK RIDE: 2008 – MEMBER WILL BE DUE 2011 LAST CHECK RIDE: 2009 – MEMBER WILL BE DUE 2012

NAVRULES, for Coxswains and Personal Watercraft Operators is every five years, from the date taken. TCT is every five years and expires December 31 of the fifth year. Verify with your FSO-MT or FSO-IS for your due dates.

VALUE OF OUR DISTRICT SURFACE FACILITIES: A statistic that you can throw out at the dinner table. The value of D11N's surface facilities is just a bit over *seven million dollars*.

OPS	30.50	7.40	17.30	372.20	135.50	2.00	29.80	240.10	25.60	860.40
U/W - Underway	30.50	7.40	17.30	372.20	135.50	2.00	29.80	240.10	25.60	860.40

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA

HIGHLIGHTS of District PA Activities in D11N from FEB & MAR 2010

1. USCGC Bertholf Tour at PCA Fair
2. USCGC Waesche Commissioning Support
3. Service Academy Night
4. RBS Event Banners / Sammy the Sea Otter
5. America's Volunteer Guardian Bumper Sticker
6. NSBW Planning Competition
7. Science Service Interview
8. 2010 Synopsis Championship
9. Scripps Oceanographic Institute Contact
10. District 11N Heraldry Project
11. Tsunami Patrol
12. RBS Programs at Bass ProShops Manteca

DETAILS

1. **USCGC Bertholf Tour** – PCA Fair “New Member Orientation Course” organized by D11N AUXPA team including tour of the first National Security Cutter on 20 FEB.
2. **USCGC Waesche Commissioning Support** – presentation on history and significance and what to expect at Commissioning available for meeting events. Contact Richard Celia at ricelia@comcast.net.
3. **Service Academy Night** sponsored by Congresswoman Jackie Speier – supported CDR Smith with coordination of team including past USCGA graduates, USCG PAOs et al to represent the Coast Guard on MAR 31.
4. **AWW Promotion Campaign w/ State of California Dockwalkers.** Effort with DBW PIO to update Press Release with AWW information.
5. **RBS Pull-Up Banners** as developed by the GPO and D5 Innovation Outreach Center will be on display at D11N DTRAIN for review. Proposal in before EXCOM to consider procurement of these items and a “Sammy the Sea Otter” character suit to add to the D11N PA “tool kit” presently comprised of COASTIE and the Life Jacket Display.
6. **America's Volunteer Guardian** Recruiting Bumper Sticker Distributed to all DTRAIN attendees in their registration materials.
7. **NSBW Planning Competition** – District PA providing two awards for plans reviewed at DTRAIN. Guidelines were provided using ICS planning best practices to encourage efficient and thorough planning. All captured events for D11N will soon be posted at www.safeboatingcampaign.com. NSBW 2010 is May 23 – May 30.

8. **Science Service Interview** – U.S. Coast Guard values and recognizes academic excellence and encourages volunteers to support student interest in the sciences. This was a project in support of the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).
9. **2010 Synopsis Championship** – U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Special Awards. Auxiliary judge selected a total of four projects out of 797 for a special award on 17 MAR. Awards will be presented at Great America ceremony on 11 APR.
10. **Scripps Oceanographic Institute Contact** – AUXPA and ASC assisted in setting up support opportunity with the USCGC Aspen for a wave buoy operated by the Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP) at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Wave buoys are located throughout the United States with the greatest concentration in California and measure wave height, direction and period. This data is used by the National Weather Service, Bar Pilots, USCG and may other professional and recreational boaters.
11. **District 11N Heraldry Project** – In conjunction with DCAPT P/S, a D11N Patch Design project is underway with the design lead being CG Veteran and best-in-class professional Rob Green of Cutter Agent. Mr. Green is the National Staff BC-APG.
12. **Tsunami Patrol, 27 FEB** - OPS highlight story by Jane Smith FSO-PA 06-10: Auxiliary OPFAC 301219 had a scheduled Safety & Training Patrol already on the calendar. Early that morning, a massive earthquake in Chile triggered tsunami warnings throughout the Pacific. Communication with both the Harbor Patrol and Station Monterey arrived at the conclusion that the facility and crew presence could be utilized to warn the public about the dangers of a tsunami, inform mariners of the impending event, and recommend that spectators stay well back from the water.
13. **RBS Programs at Bass ProShops Manteca** – Please contact Mike Lauro, DSO-VE for coordination in any support efforts. There is an opportunity for boating safety seminar instruction the weekend of April 3/4.

George Knies, DSO-PB

In the fall of 2007 I assumed the District Publication Officer's duties, at which time publication of the *Northwind* was transitioned from a printed quarterly publication to an electronic edition. The January 2007 edition of the *Northwind* was the last printed edition (20 pages color and grey scale, 1,450 copies at a cost of \$1,802.90). The last ten electronic issues represent a savings of approximately \$17,000.00.

October 2007 was the first electronic edition comprising 20 pages. Two PDF color versions were published; one for reading on line and our web site, and one hi-def for printing. In addition 25 copies were printed in color for distribution to District Coast Guard Commands and State Boating Waterways and Law Enforcement agencies.

Northwind (New Features)

SHARE YOUR STORY: Share your learning experiences, on the water while operating on patrol or during recreational boating activities (include boat handling techniques, mistakes, safety concerns and lessons

learned), instructing, vessel exams, communications, or any other Auxiliary specialty to [Editor Northwind@att.net](mailto:EditorNorthwind@att.net). Please include contact information so we can reach you if necessary. Your story may be listed “anonymously”, as they say, “The name has been changed to protect the now-wiser.”

FLOTILLA PROFILE: Not so much about how many VSCs or surface patrols, but more about the diverse backgrounds of the individuals...and maybe a few quotes about why they are committed to the Aux. What the flotilla does for fellowship.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES (SIMILAR INTERESTS)

APRIL: Development of a joint OPTREX-type training plan: Navy League, Diablo Squadron of the Sea Cadets Corps utilizing CGAUX instructors.

MAY: State Boating Agencies round-up --- California, Nevada, Utah; chief executives, mission & scope of jurisdiction; enforcement/execution capabilities and practices

AUGUST: U.S. Power Squadrons

OCTOBER: (Post-Fleet Week): Navy League and Naval Sea Cadet Corps review.

A reminder for Board & Staff Members..... Please forward JPEG photos for inclusion in your articles that are due prior to **JAN 01 * APR * 08 * JUL 01 * OCT 01**. Since your articles appear on the lead pages early submittal will facilitate publication during the first week in the month.

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE

District PE graduates in 2009 were 3,496 youth course grads and 980 adult course grads. Goals for 2010 are 3,500 youth course graduates and 1,100 adult graduates. So far 2010 has 107 graduates recorded and half are ABS. This early in the year our instructors are working on MT (1,450 hours) rather than PE (240 hrs).

I will debut the customized **Suddenly in Command** program at D-TRAIN. It targets the parks’ “campfire” 2 hour presentations. The student is the fishing buddy or spouse who accompanies the boater, but with hooks intended to reach the boater when something he/she does not know is touched upon. It promotes the District web site for locating PE and VE opportunities and includes the invitation to join the Auxiliary. I will distribute copies so plan to attend my D-TRAIN Saturday PE workshop before lunch. We still need photos for the “oops” section so please email or bring softcopies this weekend. You are encouraged to localize the materials and the photos when you present the course.

The focus of N’TRAIN for RBS this year was to form a team of RBS members to coordinate our efforts to reach and educate boaters to decrease boating casualties. The DSOs worked on this team building and joint program management while at St. Louis and continue now that we are performing our day to day roles.

At D-TRAIN the RBS team will present a two hour RBS workshop to present the above team approach to our members. You may attend and receive credit for one or more of the PV, VE, or PE workshops. There is also a separate 1 hour PE workshop. Either may count for the PE workshop.

-Our new **Paddlesports America course** is released and available from Ron Gomez at District for under \$8. VEs have a program for SUB (Sport Utility Boat) to further enhance the student's confidence in their equipment.

-The **About Boating Safely** test has been translated into Spanish. Printing will be on-demand when requested from Ron Gomez at District.

-**AuxPlusPE**, the PE student tracking software, has a new release is available.

Check the District PE course offerings web site for classes planned Division PE reports

Division 1 Margrit Keyes Advised new release of AuxPlusPE is available.

Division 3 Tom Holtzman Numerous classes scheduled. Chico offering Sea Cadets the ABS class in mid-June.

Division 4 John Gorden Just contacted by City of San Jose for a class.

Division 5 Douglas Burke Reports BS&S and WN classes concluded. This division has flotillas planning to cover some Brannan Island campfires this summer.

Division 6 Milton Entwistle No Report, but expecting to work with Scouts this year.

Division 7 David Nelson No Report

Division 8 Kath Disney Nilson Reports no classes currently.

Division 10 Douglas Lazo No Report.

Division 11 TBD. David Law DCDR No PE report

Division 12 Stuart Hunter No Report. Flotillas 12-1, 12-3, and 12-91 have classes scheduled.

12-91 scheduling several SIC classes at Brannan Island this summer at the request of the Ranger.

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV

Division Reports:

Division 03 has 53 visits to report

Division 05 has 109 visits to report

Division 06 has 38 visits to report

Division 10 has 144 visits to report

NO OTHER REPORTS RECEIVED

Local Statistics (visits):

	<u>PYTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>NET CHANGE</u>
DIV 01	92	104	+ 12
DIV 03	48	53	+ 5
DIV 04	30	16	- 14
DIV 05	246	161	- 85
DIV 06	23	74	+ 51
DIV 07	0	0	0
DIV 08	6	21	+ 15
DIV 10	132	242	+ 110
DIV 11	32	11	- 21
DIV 12	0	0	0
Totals	609	682	+ 73

PACAREA Statistics (visits):

D11N	D11S	D13 (OR&WA)	D14 (HI)	D17 (AK)
682	229	452	43	6

(statistics shown from AUXINFO through February 2010)

This year's D-Train is in Rohnert Park March 26th, 27th, & 28th. This year will be a combined effort between Vessel Examination, Public Education and Program Visitor. The workshop is Saturday 1355 – 1550. We will go over some RBS projects we learned from N-Train with power point presentations and questions and answers afterwards.

Updates & Information: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/pv.html> and
<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>
<http://public.d11nuscgaux.info/pe.html>

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE

I'd like to congratulate the 11 recent graduates from the Vessel Examiner class at the PCA Fair, their names are listed further in the newsletter. Please assist them as necessary in completing their qualification. Please make certain that their CURRENT MT-2 form (11-09), CURRENT 7038 (01-08) and CURRENT 7029 (01-10) are filled out correctly. As in the past, the MT-2 form must be signed by their Flotilla Commander prior to being submitted to the DIRAUX office. Any wrong step in the process will unnecessarily delay completing their qualification and receiving credit for VSC activity. Once their initial 5 VSC's are completed, please close your 7038 and start a new one. Otherwise, the trainee will show with as many VSC's as you place on the form with their name on it. One last point from the Director's office, PLEASE have the qualifying members 7038 with the 5 VSC's entered into AUXDATA by the FSO/SO-IS PRIOR to submission of the MT-2 to the Director's office.

NOW is the time to start formulating plans for NSBW, May 22nd -28th, followed closely by VSC Mega-Weeks. Please don't wait until the May flotilla meeting to start discussing plans. I'll have more about NSBW and VSC Mega-Month next month. Additionally, don't forget about National Marina Day, having been moved from August to June 12th.

While performing VSC's, please don't forget about our examiner etiquette. In addition to normal courtesy behavior and language, it also includes smoking. In addition to many other helpful aids, please take a minute and go to your D11NR Vessel Examiner website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.ve.html> for a quick etiquette refresher. While there, don't forget to print out the 2010 West Marine coupons.

Just a quick comment about District awards being presented at D/Train; one of the 1st qualifiers for **ANY** District award is that **ALL** flotilla members qualified in a particular program (VSC) maintain their qualification for the flotilla to be presented a District award. So, if a flotilla has the most VSC's and a member has not kept up their qualification as an examiner, the flotilla is disqualified. **Many** National awards reflect the same criteria.

The responsibility for assuring that members maintain their qualification falls to the FC and FSO. Please see the FSO job description on the District Vessel Examiner website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.ve.html>.

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

Arthur A. Park, 01-05
James A. Ippolito, 03-03
Lawrence E. Cardoza, 03-09
Jose R. Pereira, 04-09
William A. Yawn, 05-01
Craig S. Hartman*, 05-02
Stephen J. Ogan, 05-02
Philip E. Craig, 05-02

*Re-certification

Joseph A. Caputo, 05-02
Billy Ray, 05-02
Peter P. Bartolo*, 05-05
Jonathan D. Briend, 06-07
Jack T. Scheidecker, 10-02
Steven T. Pitts, 10-05
Nevin E. Armstrong, 11-03
Michael D. Fanfa, 12-01

With the addition of these 16 new and re-certified examiners for 2010, our examiner base total is now **295** active examiners! This represents about 20% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

Congratulations to the following examiners who have performed 20 or more VSC's during 2010*:

Robert J. Aston, 01-04
Lawrence B. Draper, 01-05
Michael F. Nolan, 01-05
Charles M. Duncan Jr., 03-09
Lonny B. Singer, 03-09

Gary N. Murray, 05-05
Michael J. Lauro, 10-02
Neil P. Sliva, 10-05
Phillip E. Grove, 10-05
Joseph W. Harris, 11-01

This brings our total to 10 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 3% of the total District examiner base. 2009 had 9 examiners or 3% at this time. PLEASE be certain that all stats are reported MONTHLY using the CURRENT Form 7038 to your FSO-IS so you and your unit(s) will receive proper credit.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 22, 2010

Each month RBS Device recipients will be listed here! This information is supplied by the Director's office as members become qualified.

Anthony T. Budlong, 6-04
William H. Correll, 10-03

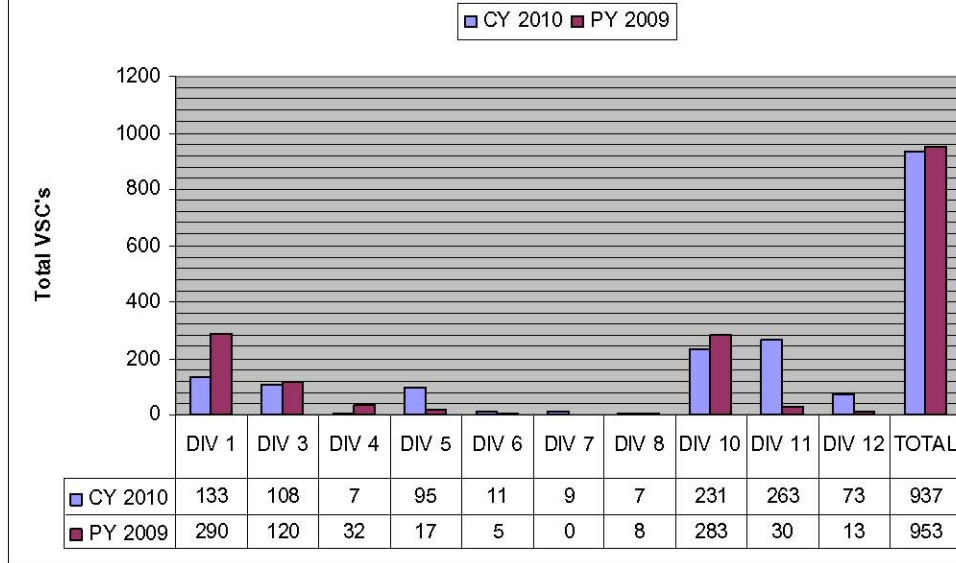
John L. Paval, 10-03
Joseph W. Harris, 11-01

Congratulations to the following members who passed the Vessel Examiner class at the PCA Training Fair in February. **PLEASE** assist them in completing their qualification ASAP:

Peter Lambertson, 01-02
Chris Poehlmann, 01-04
Arthur Park, 01-05
Roger Bazley, 01-07
Karen Mercado, 03-03
Michael Fiamingo, 04-01

William Shepard, 04-08
Mary Dee, 05-07
Wallace Smith, 06-10
Linda Bradon, 10-02
Steven Bradon, 10-02

D11NR VSC Totals thru MARCH 22, 2010



The goal for D11NR for 2010 is **10,000** VSC's. We are **1%** of our goal for the year and **98%** of 2009 production! The data source is AUXINFO. PLEASE be certain that all stats are reported MONTHLY using the CURRENT Form 7038 to your FSO-IS so you and your unit(s) will receive proper credit. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **381** or **41%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **265** or **28%** are High Risk VSC's.

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 22, 2010

-Effective January 1, 2010, anyone who qualifies for the RBS device will NOT have to wait until the end of the year to receive the device. Thanks to YN3 Stacy Curtin of the DIRAUX office, when you qualify for the device, it will be awarded on a timely basis-in approx 30 days. As the Coxswain device, Marine Safety device, and all other ribbons and medals, it will be forwarded to your Flotilla Commander for presentation. Next time you see YN3 Stacy Curtin, give her a BIG thank you for creating a new program and ending the frustrating waiting period!

"The manufacturer's website claims "PFD Saver has recently passed inspections performed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary [sic] (fortunately NOT in our area.) Think of it like putting sunscreen on your PFD." Obviously this is misleading and we don't want any Auxiliarists accepting these covers while performing VSC's. Please pass the word." Thanks. Paul Newman

-West Marine has released the 2010 VSC discount coupon. The boater needs to bring the coupon and the ANSC 7012 to the store to receive a discount on safety equipment. A black and white printable copy is available on your D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. Hard copies of the coupon should be available in stores prior to NSBW. Please don't just send the boater to the store with the 7012 as there is no way to track the impact of the program.

Bob Hendry, ASC

Requests processed since mid-February

Since February 15, approximately 12 formal requests were handled for Auxiliary assistance.

Opportunity for Auxiliarists to be deployed in Incident Commander Centers

I am working with the CDR – Planning to identify Auxiliarists who have the education and training to work in an Incident Command Center both in administrative capacities and also in positions of coordination. Specific ICS are normally required for coordination positions but there may be several opportunities in exercises in which on the job training can be obtained. The latter may qualify those participating Auxiliarists to work in that capacity when the need may arise. More to come after an identification of candidates has been completed.

Incident Response and Training Plan Update

A visual depiction of the subject plan (distributed last October) was developed and modified to clarify that elected District officials needed to be in lead positions in the event that the CG requested Auxiliary assistance in a response situation. The visual depiction was distributed to all members of EXCOM for their review and approval. I will be available for its discussion at the March 26 EXCOM meeting as directed.

Marine Safety – Observation Mission Update

Stations Rio Vista and Vallejo are requesting more assistance in this program. I am working with the ADSO-MS for this program to develop a gap analysis of where trained Auxiliarists live versus where the needs are. Such analysis will result in the recruitment of members living in the requested areas, a deployment of some currently patrolling to needed areas as well as a redistribution generally of assigned areas.

Patrol Area Coordinators Coordination Meeting

On May 17, I attended a meeting called by Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP to provide information for coordination purposes with the Patrol Area Coordinators, the CG Sector and Station Auxiliary Liaison personnel and the DSO-CM and DSO-AV. For general information and possible use, it was reported that a CG Boat and a CG Helo was being requested for a planned 5/16 NSBW event at the Berkeley Yacht Club. Also, it was reported that the dates of May 5-7 should be noted for the commissioning of the WAESCHE. At the request of DIRAUX, Simone Adair is the point of contact for land-based AUX activities.

Neil Nevesny, CRC

During this last reporting period, I received two complaints from Auxiliarists concerning inappropriate emails sent by an Auxiliarist. The mischief turned out to be caused by hacking, appearing to originate from a source in Russia, into Auxiliarists' email lists (Others were victim of this hacking as well). The emails sent, seemingly from the Auxiliarists, were advertisements for Viagra and other drugs to be purchased from a Canadian pharmacy.

If any Auxiliarists should receive an email of this sort, make no presumptions. Please contact the "sender" Auxiliarist to determine the source - it is most probably not the Auxiliarist. And it goes without saying that Auxiliarists should assure that their computer is protected from this hacking potential.

As a reminder, all Auxiliarists should be aware that personal messages, opinions and such non-Aux related material should not be sent over any Auxiliary or Coast Guard systems. Mis-use of these systems can lead to disciplinary action.