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**MINUTES
US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTRICT 11NR
BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
16 March 2012
Portola Inn, Monterey CA**

The meeting was called to order at 1408 by DCO Angelo Perata, who introduced the following special guests:

COMO James Vass, National Commodore
DCO Harry Jacobs, D11S
Robin Freeman, representing the USCG Auxiliary Association

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Rod Collins, DCOS. Ralph Bettman, DSO-SR called the roll, and DCO Perata declared that a quorum was present. The attendance list is attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

REPORT – DCO ANGELO PERATA:

DCO Angelo Perata reported that he had attended the State of the Coast Guard address presented by ADM Papp at Coast Guard Island. The presentation was done there because of the presence of the newest three Coast Guard cutters. There is an effort to beef up the Bay Area in the Coast Guard. He also read a letter from VADM Joseph Castillo congratulating the Auxiliary on another outstanding year and indicating that the Auxiliary plays a key role in District 11.

COMO James Vass, National Commodore spoke briefly, mentioning as a key issue, the budget, plus any key issues the Board raises.

Robin Freeman, representing the USCG Auxiliary Association pointed out that we are all members of both the Auxiliary and the Association. The Coast Guard supports some Auxiliary functions; the Association fills the gap between the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. The Association is a national non-profit organization funding Auxiliary business, help to members, patrol reinforcement, D-Train, support of some parts of the store and vessel safety check programs. It also supports web sites, NACON, N-Train, and is a vehicle for grants and donations to flotillas.

The goals of the Association include providing funding, membership support opportunities, and provides a strategic alliance with the Federal Pentagon Credit Union. It also promotes the “shop the Auxiliary” site offering discounted products and services. Freeman requested that this information be taken back to the flotillas.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS

Simone Adair, DCDR-1 – Report on file. 5 or 6 new members of Division 1 were welcomed recently. They have held several PE classes, including an ABS class for 22 roughnecks. NSBW plans are moving ahead and there have been a few SAR cases.

Edward Kief, DCDR-3 – Report on file. Station Sacramento requested aid to certify air crews.

Stephen Chan, DCDR-4 – Report on file. Some Division members volunteer at the Menlo Park Veterans Administration Hospital. The Division would welcome any others who would like to join them.

Jim Blackburn, DCDR 5 – Report on file. Some flotilla members are working with the Brentwood School system. They are contributing to the Coast Guard Operations Center and contributing whiteboards. They have one new AP qualified member.

Wally Smith, DCDR 6 – Report is on file. Flotilla 6-4 has put in many volunteer hours. The Portola Hotel has been wonderful, but the Division has been unable to arrange the weather (it rained during D-Train).

Mike Thompson, VCDR 7 for Mart Gardner DCDR 7 – Report is no file. The Division has been working with local authorities. They have 4 facilities they use with local authorities.

Bruce Rogerson, DCDR 8 – Report on file. The Division put on a lunch for the local station. There was a fuel recirculation incident. Rogerson participated in a boating safety meeting in San Diego.

Bill Correll, DCDR 10 – Report on file. He recognized several Division members who were present.

Leon Borden, DCDR 11 – Report on file. The Rio boat show will be held next weekend. Members are invited to attend.

Nick TarlsonTarlton, DCDR 12 – Report on file. He advised the meeting that the Strictly Sail boat show at Jack London Square was scheduled for April 12 - 15 and hoped the Auxiliary would have a good turnout.

Roger Haynes, P-PCA – The next PCA Fair will be July 28-29 because the instructors will be attending the America's cup races.

COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO – Expressed thanks to Joanna Nevesny, DSO-LP, for getting contracts done. They are filing for a movie with great scenery. They have a great relationship with the State of Utah. They have not gotten an answer to whether they can use snowmobiles on winter patrols.

CDR Sumrok, DIRAUX – He has been busy working on awards. He thanked Nick Tarlson, DCDR 12 for his work on the awards. He reminded the meeting that CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO will leave the District June 1. The new OTO will be here August 1. He will be CWO Matt James.

DCO Perata handed out a "quick locator" listing web sites for quick information for Board members.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS;

Rod Collins, DCOS called for reports from Staff Officers as follows; (DCAPT reports are in attachment B.)

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file. Kirkwood called for staff reports as follows:

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Fry had 40 persons in a hazwopper class. There is an issue, training for pollution. There was a Richmond oil spill. She expressed thanks to the Coast Guard for the training they received. Reminded the Board that there is an inland lake VE blitz scheduled for 2 June. She also reminded the Board of NSW activities need. She will hold a seminar for people interested in participation.

Jim Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file. He went on to indicate that there is a new power point course for certifying Aid to Navigation verifiers.

Perry Joiner, DSO-PA – Not present.

Roger Haynes, DCO-PE - Haynes stated that the IT class is not a mandatory class.

Phil Grove, DSO-PV – Report on file, nothing to add.

Mike Lauro, DSO-VE – There will be a VE table at D-Train.

Curtis Han, DCAPT-RES – Offered thanks to COMO Ramsey for her PCA program and Division OPTREX contribution. He stated that they have a comms trailer for others to use. Han called for reports as follows:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – Progress is continuing with a new relationship with NOAA.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Comms has a flier. He acknowledged Jimmin Chang, DSO-CS for handling a support job on only two days notice.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – COMO Ramsey stated that we have 14 Ops events planned this year. There will be a mandatory Ops workshop Sunday morning as well as a TCT. She thanked Jimmin Chang, DSO-CS for posting the 1 hour TCT on the web. There will be a QE meeting at D-Train.

RICHARD THOMAS, DCAPT-SUP – Report is on file. Linda Haynes, D-AD/H now is chairperson for Aux Chefs. Thomas called for reports as follows:

Jimmin Chang, DSO-CS – Not present at this time, report not on file. No report.

Bob Davison, DSO-HR – Report on file. There is a difference in member count between National and District, regarding contact with disenrollees and membership inquiries.

Dave Talton, DSO-MA – Talton was manning the store at this time.

COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT – COMO Maddox indicated that boat crew information, ham license, SEC and Q and A's are on the website.

Wesley Craig, DSO-PB – Report on file, nothing to add.

Anita Farnholtz, DSO-IS – Report on file. Farnholtz will be leaving the job. Marilyn Curtis will replace her.

Michael Coburn, DSO-DV – Report is on file. He is recruiting for ADSO's.

Francis Fisher, DSO-FN – Report is on file. Nothing to add.

Joanna Nevesny DSO-LP – Standing rules will be my center of effort now.

Ralph Bettman DSO-SR – Report on file. Joyce Bell has been a terrific mentor and I am slowly learning the position.

Randy Parent, DFSS – Parent is working on the Air Safety Program. He thanked Anita Farnholtz for her contributions.

Neil Nevesny, CRC – Nothing to report.

Robert Hendry, ASC – Hendry highlighted processing authorizations for orders. They are now getting them 1 week ahead. He mentioned AIMs. There was a typo in his request for NSBW. We need to get requests in ASAP.

ROD COLLINS, DCOS

There are several announcements;

- We do really good training at PCA. We need to pass on our training capability.
- There will be emphasis on diversity. The Commandant hasn't decided who will get the diversity position. The position has been approved. It is optional at the flotilla level.
- For the PCA Fair all past COMOs are active---this is important to the quality of PCA. Fellowship is also important at the PCA fair.
- Jim Blackburn DCDR 5 reported that there will be no TCT on Sunday at D-Train. There will be a class in Reno; there is a request for a class for Station Humboldt, class on April 18. The class at Graeagle will hold 20 -25 people. There is room in the class, call Jim at 925/250-4461.
- Simone Adair, DCDR-1; for flotillas requesting the 50 year banner, the banners have been ordered. We have 35 -40 volunteers for the Stratton commissioning. We will have an Aux information table, and 3 CG information tables. 3500 guests are expected. It is not clear that Michelle Obama will be present. Parking will be at the Coliseum so get there early. Simone will meet with Angelo Perata, DCO, to review the planned program.
- CDR Sumrok, DIRAUX, indicated that attending the Stratton Commissioning will be by invitation only. Volunteers should be sure they are on the invitation list to assure entry. Uniform will be Service Dress Blues. COMO Vass said that color coded tickets have been sent out. We should check on Monday.
- Phil Sanchez, Event Planner; He welcomed the group to D-Train. Fun night will be next door. Register, get your packet, and wear name tags for entry to classes. The Dealer Visitor class will be a DV workshop.

DISTRICT STANDING RULES

Joanna Nevesny, DSO-LP; National has a defined format. The district has a few changes. Some of the changes are in the voting rules. The national rules state that nominations can be no later than 60 days before the election. People can file a letter of intent, but, cannot self-nominate. Current District rules allow nominations on the day of elections and allow self-nomination. DCO Perata requested a motion to approve the District Standing Rules.

Motion: Wally Smith moved and Jim Blackburn seconded that the District Standing Rules be approved. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted

AWARDS

CDR Sumrok, DIRAUX presented the following awards;

- Dean La Chappelle, Outstanding Achievement
- Judy Esteban, Superior Performance of Duty
- Dave Tarlton, Commandant Letter of Commendation
- Sue Fry, Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement Medal
- Jim Blackburn, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Instructor
- COMO Mike Maddox, Commandant Letter of Commendation
- Robert Firehock, Commandant Letter of Commendation
- Simone Adair, AUXOP
- Joaquin Duran, AUXOP

DCO Angelo Perata, presented awards to these members;

- Wayne Farnholtz
- Denis Eaton
- Phil Sanchez
- Linda Haynes
- Charlie Duncan

FINAL COMMENTS

Rod Collins advised that District standing rules will be on the D11N website. The next meeting of the Board and Staff will be a webinar meeting on April 18, 2012

Respectfully submitted by
Ralph Bettman, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A

ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING March 16, 2012

DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Angelo Perata
Rod Collins, DCOS
COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO
Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS
Curtis Han, DCAPT-RES
Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SUP
CDR Curtis Sumrok, DIRAUX
Simone Adair, DCDR-1
Edward Kief, DCDR-3

Stephen Chan, DCDR-4
Jim Blackburn, DCDR-5
Wally Smith, DCDR-6
Mike Thomas, VCDR-7
Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8
Bill Correll, DCDR-10
Leon Borden, DCDR-11
Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12
Roger Haynes, P-PCA

DISTRICT STAFF:

Joanna Nevesny DSO-LP
Larry Olson DSO-AV
James Duncan DSO-NS
Bob Davison DSO-HR
COMO Mike Maddox DSO-MT
Sue Fry DSO-MS
Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS
Jimmin Chang DSO-CS
Wesley Craig DSO-PB
COMO Gail Ramsey DSO-OP

Jeff Price DSO-CM
Fran Fisher DSO-FN
Mike Lauro DSO-VE
Bob Peterson ADSO-OP
Phil Grove DSO-PV
Neil Nevesny ADSO-LP
Michael Coburn DSO-DV
Bob Hendry, ASC
Randy Parent DFSO
Linda Haynes D-AD

GUESTS:

NACO James Vass
Robin Freeman, USCG Aux Association
DCO Harry Jacobs, D11S
Denis Eaton IPDCDR
Kenna Craig D-AA
Monica Eaton IPFC
Carrie Van De Boom
Charlie Duncan PP-PCA
Rob Firehock
Gordon Robbins PFC
Rick Saber PFC
James Charlton DIR-C
Peter Kyryl SO-MS

Sonia Foster SO-PE
CWO Curtis Banthel
Allyssa Lamb
Wayne Farnholtz
Nancy Peterson
COMO Vic Connell
Judy Esteban VFC
Marilyn McBain DVC-UI
Maryanne Collins FC
Cynthia Perzeo
Dean LaChappelle, Inland Waters
Michelle Thompson SO-SR
Paul Custance SO-VE

ATTACHMENT B

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING March 16, 2012

•DCAPT-SUP Richard Thomas

Angelo Perata Commodore
District 11 North Region
United States Coast G Auxiliary
United States Coast Guard

Date: 13, March 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Aux Chef Program Update
2. Go-To-Meeting-Tuesday Night Live
3. Advanced New Member Orientation
4. Division Three monthly meeting
5. D-Train
6. Preparing for NSBW Proclamations

DETAILS

1. Linda Haynes states all going well with the change-over of Aux Chef Program. No new reports other than we have been invited to Petaluma to participate in a presentation as well as a cake decorating class. Linda Haynes, Jim Losi, Dyane Mohr and I are going to Point Reyes Station tomorrow to work in the galley and I will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club in the morning as they meet at the galley.
2. Continue to have attendees for both new member and advanced orientation. The 2012 business cards are in and will be passed out at D-Train.
3. Effective mid-December the Advanced New Member Orientation is online and is being offered every other Tuesday immediately after Tuesday Night Live and starts at 7:45PM. This program has received very good reviews from newer members as well as long- time members that have view the 25 minute presentation. <http://members.d11nuscgaux.info/deck/meminfo2.html>
4. Attended Division Three meeting via go-to-web.
5. Interacted with Phil Sanchez and Commodore Maddox regarding completing the training schedule and other points of D-Train. Contacted Station Monterey to set-up a new member tour of the station, AuxChef breakfast, and tour of CG cutter Hawksbill, if in port. This is a go and everything appears in place for D-Train. I developed a power point presentation for an AuxChef presentation at D-Train.

6. Started outline for getting proclamations set for all participating counties for 2012 National Safe Boating Week. Will move forward after D-Train.

Goals:

To continue to build on the foundations set last year on various programs and to be available for Support.

With kind regards,

Richard S. Thomas

•DCAPT-RBS Mary Kirkwood

To: Angelo Perata, COMO
Rod Collins, COS
D11n Board and Staff

From: Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT RBS/Prevention

Subject: DCAPT Report: RBS/Prevention

Date: March 15, 2012

Highlights:

- Team Tug support of hazardous spill completed
- National Safe Boating Week
- Attended Division 4 meeting
- Attended Division 12 meeting
- Inland Lakes Blitz
- RBS Courses will be offered at D-Train
- Support of Dockwalkers program

Details:

- Team Tug completed its support the hazmat spill cleanup in the Richmond Marina. Support began in mid-December.
- National Safe Boating Week (May 19-25) is rapidly approaching. There will be a NSBW seminar at D-Train. All requests for support/participation from active duty must be submitted to Bob Hendry (AUX Liaison).
- I attended Division 4 meeting in February, which included the Dockwalkers training by Vivian Matuk.
- Attended Division 12 meeting in February.
- Inland Lake Blitz is scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd. All Divisions are requested to review all inland waters in their AOR and coordinate boating safety booths and/or vessel safety checks.
- Several RBS workshops will be available at D-Train: dockwalkers, Introduction to Marine Safety, Ferry vessel auditing, public education, public affairs, navigation systems, program visitors, VE update, Coastie update.
- Working with Vivian Matuk to increase the awareness of the Dockwalker program and encourage more participation in the program from the Auxiliary. Vivian will be providing dockwalker programs at both PCA Fairs and D-Train. In addition, many Divisions have invited Vivian to their meetings to provide an overview of the program.

Upcoming Events:

- National Safe Boating Week: May 19-25. Planning seminar at D-Train
- Inland Lake Blitz: June 2nd. More information at D-Train
- PCA Fair, July 28 & 29 @ CGI. Registration/course information will be available in April/May
- Possible RBS support at the America's Cup: safe boating displays, dockwalkers, and vessel exams. More info/details TBD

•DCAPT-RES Curtis Han

TO: ANGELO PERATA, DCO
 CC: D11NR BOARD AND STAFF
 FROM: CURTIS HAN, DCAPT-RES
 RE: DCAPT-RES REPORT
 DATE: MARCH 16, 2012

AIR

Members who are Air Observers are eligible to upgrade to an Air Crew status/qualification once the member hold a valid FAA Private Pilot or higher certificate and a current FAA Medical card.

The next swim test will be Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the City of Fairfield Aquatics complex from 0930-1130 hours.

Next squadron dinner is scheduled for March 27th at Holiday Inn, in Dublin, CA. Mr. Scott kathey (Federal Regulatory coordinator) and Sgt. Robert Yerena (NOAA) will be the presenters for the evening.

SURFACE

We had another successful Boat Crew Academy at February PCA fair. Commodore Gail Ramsey and her operations training team did an outstanding job orchestrating the weekend training course for the new boat crew trainees.

Underway hours for 2012:

Regatta – 70.00

Safety – 1,523.40

Ops Training – 179.20

Total Marine Patrol – 1,772.60

There are 13 OPTREX events scheduled for the year so far. The OPTREX calendar can be found in D11NR Operations website and DSO-OP reports.

COMMUNICATIONS

During the USCGC Stratton commissioning, Auxiliary Communication trailer will be available. ADSO-CM Sellstrom will bring the Auxiliary's very own Communications Trailer stand it up for full operations and communicate with whoever needs to communicate around the island.

Communication trailer will be made available to the Division for training/operation purpose during their OPTREX. The request may be made to Jeff Price, DSO-CM by the respective Division Communication and/or Operations staff officers.