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District 11 Northern Region**

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 To: Mike Williams, VCO & District Board/Staff
 From: D11N DSO-OP
 Subject: District OPS Report

Below are the stats for the top fifteen California lakes with the most accidents, injuries and deaths directly caused by recreational boaters. I hope to have the same information available for Nevada and Utah soon. These statistics show how valued our Auxiliary attention is to our inland lakes. One interesting item is how the accidents are climbing at Lake Berryessa. This lake needs our attention, NOW. You will hear more about this challenge in the near future.

Lakes	7-Year Total			2004			2005			2006		
	Acc.	Inj.	Dead	Acc.	Inj.	Dead	Acc.	Inj.	Dead	Acc.	Inj.	Dead
Lake Shasta	330	197	13	26	22	2	45	25	3	43	23	2
Lake Berryessa	254	157	9	33	23	0	48	25	2	28	14	2
Lake Perris	192	114	7	30	16	2	29	14	1	17	11	1
Folsom Lake	156	88	5	13	5	0	24	13	1	27	19	1
Lake Tahoe	109	50	9	17	7	2	12	5	1	12	6	2
Castaic Lake	99	61	2	3	0	0	8	0	1	7	0	0
Lake Don Pedro	90	75	2	13	13	0	8	7	0	9	7	0
Millerton Lake	87	54	7	5	3	2	15	8	0	11	8	1
Lake Oroville	86	46	4	9	1	1	11	3	1	18	12	2
Lake Nacimeinto	83	46	1	4	3	0	11	5	0	8	1	1
Clear Lake	80	74	10	9	9	0	13	14	4	10	9	1
Lake Tulloch	59	35	1	4	3	0	6	5	0	6	6	1
Woodward Lake	52	37	2	4	4	0	5	3	0	4	4	0
New Melones	49	38	9	6	4	0	4	3	1	4	3	1
Lake Camanche	48	27	2	6	4	0	7	3	0	10	5	0
Totals	1774	370	83	182	109	9	246	133	15	214	128	15

NEW ADSO-OP-OC (Assistant District Staff Officer, Operations, OPTREX Coordinator).

This much needed position has been filled by Dean La Chapelle. Dean is also the SO-OP of Division 3. He has great expertise in the pre-organizing and successful agenda of OPTREXs. Dean's contact information is:

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All OPEX/OPTREX events are to be coordinated through Dean. I suggest you first check the District Calendar and verify that nothing conflicts with the date you have chosen, also choose an alternate date (just in case) before contacting Dean. Dean will also check with our OTO and DSO-OP prior to making the date firm, but Dean is your primary contact for scheduling. Dean is also the person to go to if your Division would like to work with another Division and have a combined OPTREX (Operational Training). Dean has put together a suggested “HOW TO” organize a successful OPTREX. Ask him for his thoughts and suggestions; he is a wealth of valuable information.

To alleviate confusion, remember the “T” in OPTREX means training and possible sign offs by attending Qualification Examiners. OPEX (Operational Exercise) is an event where little individual training takes place. The focus of the exercise is on the unit or team. Examples may be a disaster drill for a simulated ferry disaster or an aircraft going down in a lake or the Bay. OPEX & OPTREX have been used interchangeably for years and we all take it for granted they mean one and the same. Hope the above makes it a bit clearer.

Kudos to all who have stepped forward and have taken advantage of the Wednesday training with Coast Guard Station Rio Vista, this is good for the Auxiliary as well as the Coast Guard. Listed below are the few dates left, please contact Bill Kinsey or myself and so we can place you on the calendar, you will still need to obtain orders through POMS after the date has been approved.

MAY 9 TH	JUL 11 TH	SEP 12 TH	OCT 10 TH
OCT 17 TH	NOV 14 TH	NOV 21 ST	DEC 12 TH

DSAR: Quickly approaching. The below info was in my last report but have had several questions from those that did not see it. Please forgive the repetition.

Those of you that participated in last years District ISAR (International Search and Rescue) run offs at Coast Guard Station Vallejo recall the fun and hard competition that was experienced. On April the 21st there will be another run off for the D11N ISAR Teams. We shall refer to this as DSAR (District Search and Rescue), and then it gets even better. The scoring for D11N teams will be scored as well as each individual. The four top individual competitors from the Vallejo DSAR will be the ones chosen for the D11N Team to take the next step. Last year we had team members from divisions 3,4,7 & 12. The next event will be held June the 2nd on Coast Guard Island and the competition will be held between the five Districts that make up the PACAREA, D11N, D11S, D13, D14 and D17. The two top teams of the PSAR (PACAREA Search and Rescue) event will be heading to the final competition in Toronto, Canada this fall. Yes, this will be interesting. Two teams to be chosen out of five are excellent odds! We have a good chance of being one of the winners. We were in 2006!!!

Link to ISAR 2007 information:

<https://www.strategicprofitsinc.com/hosted/isar/english/register/index.php>

Link to the ISAR rules.

http://www.ccca-gcac.com/isar2007/pdf/Rules_competition.pdf

One item of note in the rules is the “Two Year Rule”. No team member shall compete in two or more ISAR Competitions or Can-AM Games within three consecutive competitions either as one of the three members in the International Championship or Can-AM Games Competition. You must sit out two years before you are eligible again to compete. This means for the 2007 competition, all team members shall have not competed as a team member at either the 2005 or

the 2006 ISAR competitions. Competing in regional or area completions do not count as competing in "ISAR Competition"

Respectfully,

Gail