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Date: June 2007
To: Mike Williams, VCO & District Board/Staff
From: D11N DSO-OP
Subject: District OPS Report

PSAR (We did it again!!)

District 11NR took first place in the 2007 Pacific Area Search and Rescue (PSAR) competition on the 2nd of June at Coast Guard Island. The 11NR team will go on to the International Search and Rescue competition (ISAR) in Toronto, Canada in September 2007. Second place went to District 14's team (Hawaii), who will also go to Toronto. D17 (Alaska) and D11SR (So. Cal) teams rounded out the PSAR competition and gave everyone a "run for their money!" The competition was fierce but everyone had a great time and lots of camaraderie. D11NR's team was made up of the winners of April's DSAR competition. Its members are Kay-John Kavanaugh, Division 3 (team captain), Robert Firehock, Division 12, Mike Nolan, Division 4, and Steve Salmon, Division 1. Nick Tarlson and Steve Kramer are alternate members. The competition tasks were Dewatering Pump, Heaving Line, Marlinspike, First Aid, Operations Written Test and a NAV Test. Also competing at ISAR will be two USCGAUX teams from areas Atlantic East and Atlantic West, along with teams from Canada. When you see our team members remember to congratulate them and wish them well in Toronto! We will beat the Canadians this year!!!

Among the spectators at PSAR were ADM Charles Wurster, USCG, Commander PAC Area and RADM Jody Breckenridge, USCG, Commander District Eleven.

NEW ITEM ON THE OPERATIONS WEB PAGE:

Robert Peterson, "boater extraordinaire" has again offered his talents and services to District 11N's operational members by writing articles of interest and education. Please see the link below and enjoy.

BOAT CREW BASICS, A Guide for Boat Crew Candidates and Mentors

This new publication provides utilitarian information regarding crew skills, an excellent guide when preparing for an Qualification Examiner with applications when on patrol.



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VESSEL FACILITY INSPECTION AND OFFER FOR USE FORM (ANSC 7003)

This form needs to have all the blanks filled in, including "Facility's Name". All vessel Facilities need to have a name or the form will be returned to owner. There are times when names are needed, not just facility numbers.

COXSWAIN "NON LEAD" HOURS:

There is no change to reporting the missions for coxswains. The coxswain who has orders is LEAD and all other coxswains are crew (NON-LEAD.) AUXDATA has been reprogrammed to show all underway hours to the current certification of the member. If you go in and look at the Training Status reports and the hours underway for coxswains, the total hours that have been reported should be reflected.

SAFETY LIGHT REMINDER:

There have been questions about our Public Safety Vessel Identification Light. As per the Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual (COMDTINST M16798.3), pages 4-24 and 4-25 we can only use the light while under orders in the following situations:

- When patrolling regattas and marine events.
- When helping Coast Guard forces in maintaining security zones during such events as shuttle launches and hazardous cargo transfers
- When needed for brief periods of identification of the Auxiliary facility. These periods include helping a boat in distress locate the Auxiliary facility during a SAR case, warning boats away from hazardous situation, or when SAR activity takes place within the boundaries of regattas, marine events, or security zones.

An Auxiliary vessel facility may not display the public safety vessel ID light under the following circumstances:

- As a towing light (see paragraph E.11 in the Operations manual)
- During the prosecution of a SAR case, except as authorized above.

D11NR PATROLS – CALENDAR YEAR 2007

[AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,20a,22a,54a,55a)][11NR - Eleventh Northern][All Facilities][All Unit Locations][All Activities][CY 2007][All Statuses][All Positions][All Operations][All Claimants]MEASURES

Mission Hours as values	DIV 1	DIV 3	DIV 4	DIV 5	DIV 6	DIV 8	DIV 10	DIV 11	DIV 12	D11NR
AFAM - Area Familiarization (55a)	0.00	0.00	35.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.60	77.90
CHART - Aton/Chart Update Patrol (03)	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	22.50	16.60	0.00	0.00	54.60	113.70
LOG - Logistics Mission (54a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
REGATTA - Regatta Patrol (02)	40.00	46.30	0.00	0.00	53.00	0.00	0.00	29.00	0.00	168.30
SAFETY - Safety Patrol (01a, 20a)	442.10	1,251.80	102.80	190.70	316.20	720.30	65.90	152.10	239.00	3,480.90
TRN - Training Mission (22a)	18.00	349.10	337.10	234.80	39.30	141.30	15.50	0.00	159.30	1,294.40
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,20a,22a,54a,55a)	500.10	1,647.20	475.20	445.50	431.00	908.20	81.40	181.10	495.50	5,165.20

NAVIGATION RULES TEST REQUIREMENTS ([Link to NAV Rules page](#))

- The Initial test for Coxswains and PWC Operators is a closed book *proctored by a QE*.
- The Five Year re-qualification is an open book exam and may be taken on-line. [...link](#) if the five year requirement is allowed to lapse, then a closed book exam is required. [QE Request Form](#)
- The link to the NAV Rules information is: <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/quals.html#nav%20rules>

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS GOING FOR CREW QUALIFICATION:

There still seems to be some confusion about members going before Qualification Examiners for new Qualifications, especially Crew. All the below needs to be completed before the members name is sent in when requesting a QE. I hope the following helps:

- BQ = Basically Qualified, has taken NASBLA approved Safe Boating Course
- TCT 8 hour course every five years, member needs to be current
- Operations and One Hour TCT Refresher workshops as required by District & National

- ICS 100 and ICS700, Courses may be taken at the below link:

All operational members are required to complete ICS training. Actions are listed on the [OTO Bulletins](#). Courses may be studied and exam taken on-line. FEMA links are available from the [Auxiliary Chief Director's Website](#).

Deadline Date	Courses	Action
31 DEC 2007	IS 100, 200 IS 700, 800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members participating in an Operational Program will be considered REYR and will not be issued Auxiliary patrol orders. • Coursework will be required for a member to qualify as a candidate for office (described above) or be appointed as a staff officer (described above).
Unknown	IS 210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consequence to be determined as course becomes widely available to Auxiliary members.

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OPTREX SCHEDULE:

At this time the OPTREX listing on the District Calendar is as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT INFO</u>
JUN 22/24	OPTREX	DIV 3	SAC RADIO ONE	ED SWEENEY
JUL 14TH	OPTREX	DIV 11	CG ST LAKE TAHOE	TBA
SEP 22/23RD	OPTREX	DIV 5	TBA	TBA
SEP 28/30	OPTREX	FLOTILLA 39	LAKE ORVILLE	HANNELORE MADDOX
OCT 12/14	OPTREX	FLOTILLA 88	CLEAR LAKE	RICH THOMAS
OCT 26/28TH	OPTREX	FLOTILLA 3-10	BRANNAN ISLAND	DAVE CHAMBERLAIN

The below information is compliments of our OPTREX Coordinator, Dean La Chapelle, who is doing a great job on keeping all of us straight.

- There are ten OPTREX's listed for 2007
- Three are listed for 2008
- Three are listed for 2009
- Two Divisions plan on hosting two or more OPTREX's:
- Division 5 will host two, May and Sep.
- Division 3 plans to host four, May, June, Sept and Oct.

Respectfully,

Gail