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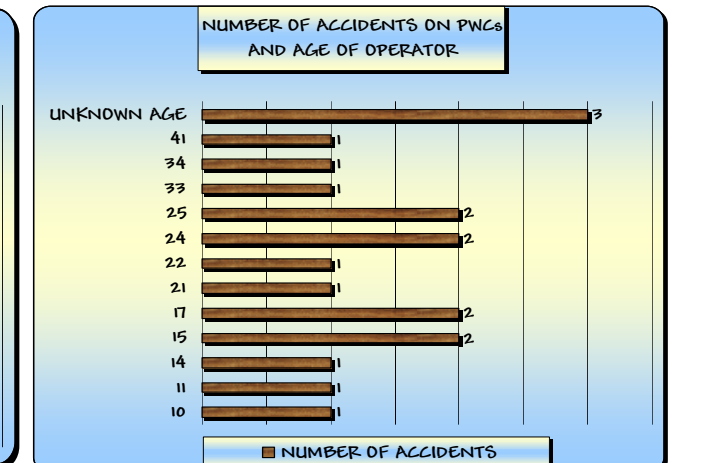
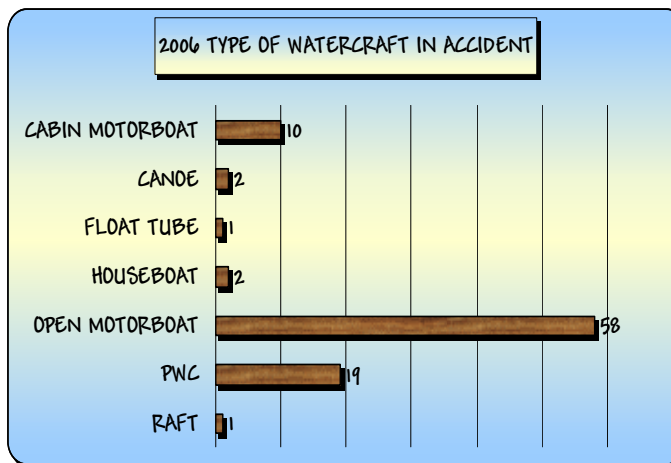
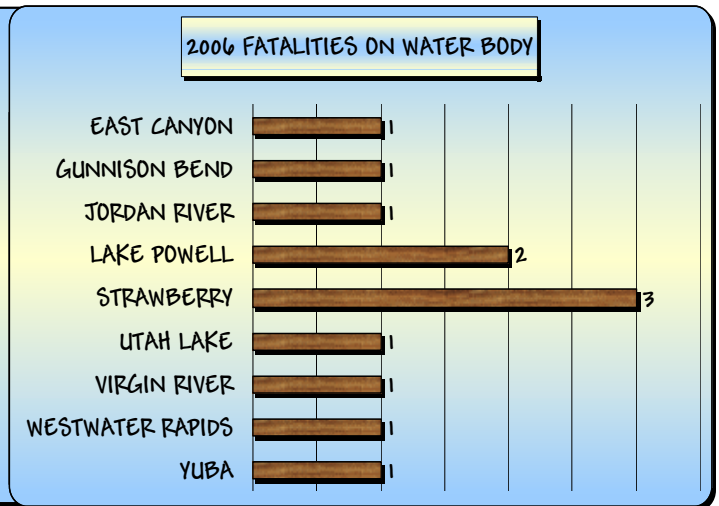
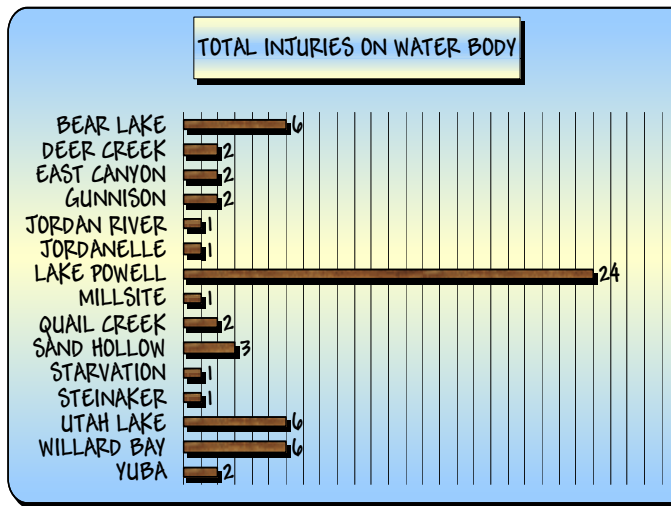
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Date: May 2007
 To: Mike Williams, VCO & District Board/Staff
 From: D11N DSO-OP
 Subject: District OPS Report

Last month we should the stats for the top fifteen California lakes with the most accidents, injuries and deaths directly caused by recreational boaters. Below is the very interesting 2006 stats from Utah. Next month we will share the stats from Nevada.



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.

The member who is coordinating an OPTREX event can contact the QE coordinators to request Qes. The OPTREX coordinator will know who needs what and verify that those members are qualified to go before a Qualification Examiner. This will give the QE coordinators a better overall picture of the event and how many QEs will be needed instead of getting information in bits and pieces from many Flotilla Commanders.

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 no training takes place. It 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.

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.

14-Nov
21-Nov
12-Dec

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>
MAY 19/20	OPTREX	DIV 1 & 4	YERBA BUENA ISLAND	TOM BLOUNT & DAVE NAUMANN
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
- Three Division OPTREX's have been completed; Div's 12, 3 (FL3-9) and 5.
- 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.

PSAR: 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