

MINUTES
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
30 March 2007
Modesto CA

The meeting was called to order at 1400 by DCO Victor Connell. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by COMO Eric Jacobsen, IPDCO.

DCO Connell introduced the following special guests:

NACO Steven Budar
CAPT Barry Smith, CHDIRAUX

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR called the roll, and DCO Connell declared that a quorum was present. The attendance list is attached to these minutes as Attachment 1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Connell called for approval of the 20 January 2007 minutes.

Motion: Mike Nolan, DCP-4 moved and Pat O'Leary, DCP-12 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

CDR Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX, assisted by CAPT Barry Smith, CHDIRAUX, presented the Presidential Unit Citation Award to DCO Vic Connell. Ribbons for qualifying members were distributed to the Division Captains for presentation in their local units.

CWO Ken Frost, OTO, assisted by CDR Chareonsuphiphat, presented the Meritorious Team Commendation Award to District 11N PATON Verification Team. Jim Duncan, DSO-AN, accepted on behalf of the team. Ribbons for qualifying members were distributed to the Division Captains for presentation to their local units.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DCO Connell introduced Bill Sharp, D-Train Chairman, who made the following announcements:

- Friday Fun Night – There is no cost to members, and it will begin at 1900
- Workshop rooms will be set up tomorrow morning at 0830. Denis Eaton is the AV coordinator
- Saturday Night Awards Banquet – District Staff Officer should be prepared to assist in awards presentation. Check the program for order of awards. Categories with 1, 2, and 3 place recipients will be done at the same time.

DCO Connell introduced NACO Steve Budar, who expressed appreciation for being at D-Train. He is looking forward to meeting and talking with members, especially some of the newer members.

DCO Connell introduced CAPT Barry Smith, CHDIRAUX, who discussed the following items:

- AUXDATA – A tiger team looking at improvements; another team will be looking at future direction for Auxiliary information systems.
- New Auxiliary Manual – National is working on a new Auxiliary manual. DCOs will see it this summer, and it will go to the distribution center in early fall. This will be followed by the Operations Policy Manual update.
- New ID Cards – National has come up with a new, better looking ID card. They are working toward finding a way to give Auxiliarists more access to the uniform stores and exchanges of military bases with their ID. This is currently a local issue with local bases.
- There is a lot of reorganization occurring at headquarters toward a more military-based model. Everything is still very much in flux, so don't worry about it yet.
- Auxiliarists are encouraged to continue to make RBS the foremost cornerstone in our activity. This is the true most important mission of the Auxiliary.
- Training – Headquarters is working on implementing additional training opportunities for Auxiliarists.
- Printed Matter – Headquarters is trying to readjust so they can print more of the training manuals. This budget is somewhat limited, but can be accommodated when need is shown.
- PSI – The three-year period is over. There is a huge backlog of packages still to be processed. The Flotilla Commanders for new members who haven't heard at the end of 3 months, should make an inquiry as to the package's status up the chain to DIRAUX. Please make sure that the packages are complete when they're sent in. An omission or error can cause long delays.
- Recruitment – Every CG person, as they retire or leave service, is receiving information on their separation orders suggesting that they continue service through the CG Auxiliary.
- Legislative Change Proposal – If adopted this would allow non-citizens to join the CGA. They must be legal aliens, and must be able to have a background check made on them.
- Catastrophic Failure Funds – If you lose a facility through a major catastrophic failure, there is a way to request financial assistance.
- PA Information – They are always looking for information about things you are doing, in photographs or writeups.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

Stephen Salmon, DCP-1 – Report on file (Attachment B). Division 1 will be sending a team to D-SAR. Salmon recapped the readiness exercise conducted by the division, including the debriefing with lessons learned. Salmon displayed a copy of a booklet of laminated charts showing locations in the division that might be needed in an emergency. This is being made for each coxswain. They are now working on CD's with this information, including photographs.

Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division has participated in several boat shows. They need to broaden the number of flotillas who help with boat shows, and will work on future boat shows as division projects. The SO-OP has resigned and Sweeney is looking for a qualified replacement. The division will have 4 OPEXs during the year.

Michael Nolan, DCP-4 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division is strong in the area of marine safety. Two members have qualified as commercial vessel examiners. They had a flag returning ceremony to retire some old flags at their division meeting. The Coxswain Academy

started this year with 9 candidates. They hope to have 6 candidates who will pass in May. The VSC program is going very well.

Phil Sanchez, DCP-5 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division continues to have a good relationship with STNs Vallejo and Bodega Bay. They have good training with people at Vallejo and they have volunteers who help at both stations. The division will be working some boat shows in April. A tie-out will be held in September, including training and fellowship. Several VE stations are planned. The division has created a presence at Lake Sonoma. They have also created a Coxswain Academy committee.

Rodney Collins, DCP-6 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division has a good relationship with STNs Monterey and Morro Bay. One Auxiliarist is working to become qualified to work on a CG 47' facility. STN Monterey would also like to train watchstanders and crew on their 47' boat. Collins is working this year on rebuilding in the division. Response to PE classes has been excellent this year. There are four new facilities in the division and two new coxswains. All flotillas are planning booths for NSBW.

Don Robertson, VCP-7 for Mart Gardner, DCP-7 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division has completed the boat show and shared a booth with State Parks at International Sportsman's Expo. Auxiliarists have been invited to assist with training for state parks rangers. Training will include classroom and on-the-water SAR training at Utah Lake and boat handling and SAR Lake Powell. Auxiliarists attended a joint training session with Utah State Parks and the Department of Natural Resources on the quagga mussel. We are trying to keep the mussel out of Lake Powell and other Utah lakes.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8 – Report on file (Attachment B). The first division meeting was held in February. They are working together to try to revitalize the flotilla in Mendocino. The Crescent City flotilla is very active and is working with the CG Station. Clear Lake is a very active flotilla. They had 8 new members at last meeting. The Flotilla Commander had a folder for each new member with information about the Auxiliary, and an assigned mentor for each member. Flotilla 87 is working with McKinleyville helping maintain a fuel station there.

Alex Rider, DCP-10 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division is working toward annual RBS campaign. The PE program is working well, with all flotillas sponsoring classes. Members have been working hard on this D-Train. They are still working on scheduling an OPTREX.

John Boyne, DCP-11 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division participated in the Reno Boat Show in March. Flotillas are working on member training and getting ready for the boating season. An RBS Safety Training Day will be held at Lake Tahoe in April.

Pat O'Leary, DCP-12 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division's disaster preparedness plan is in place. They will try it out in the next month. They will be sponsoring Boats 'n' Kids events on April 21, and at two boat shows. They will also be supporting the CG retiree program with a presentation about the Auxiliary, and hope to get some recruits. They have set up some e-mail groups to enhance communication. The division will have a team for D-SAR.

Frances Fisher, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment B). The February PCA training fair was very successful. Fisher presented a \$100 check to unit with highest percentage of members at PCA Fair. The next PCA Fair will be in August. The Poker Run will be on July 28 at Brannan Island.

Jimmin Chang, RCO-MS – Report on file (Attachment B). Chang has finished his first round of visits to Divisions 1, 6 and 10. He sees good work going in these divisions. The 2007 CG Mutual Assistance Campaign will begin in April. Members are encouraged to donate. All Flotilla Commanders should have received promotional material by now. The goal is to have 100% contact to our members. The DSO-PS has written an excellent report, which is a great tool for recruitment and retention. It is on the web site. Chang emphasized importance of personal contact with new members.

William Kinsey, RCO-OMS – Report on file (Attachment B). Kinsey thanked Division 1 for working on the first readiness exercise. What are we going to do next? That will be tomorrow's workshop. Steve Salmon's "lessons learned" are the important issues. The workshop will be emphasizing how to get in touch with members and building a team. We hope to have capability to develop and use a phone tree and then share the information with other units.

Angelo Perata, RCO-RBS – Report on file (Attachment B). Perata attended the Reno boat show in February. Perata also attended the funeral for member Dave Melroy. There will be a tree ceremony for him in July. NSBW – Perata will be talking with each DCP about NSBW activities and setting up the procedure for getting info out to all members, via DCPs. He will expand on last year's work. There was a Lake Tahoe fatality, 75-feet from shore, with no life jacket. We need to emphasize wearing life jackets.

COMO Eric Jacobsen, IPDCO – Jacobsen is working on D-Train committee. Enjoy the event.

Michael Williams, VCO – Ed Sweeney, DSO-PA distributes the staff reports to everyone. Read the staff reports to learn what is happening. Take pictures of your activities. Learn how to write awards for your members.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – DIRAUX has checked on the delayed PSI's and are following up on those with the Security Center. All the information received on our activities is being passed on to the gold side. Plan early and plan often for all activities. Thanks to Nick Tarlson for assistance in processing the awards that will be presented this week-end.

CWO4 Kenneth Frost, OTO – Frost introduced the D11S OTO. There will be an OPS workshop on Sunday. The office has sent out CDs of the workshop to all Flotilla Commanders. There is a new ADSO-OP to schedule OPEXs – Dean LaChapelle. Please schedule OPEX/OPTREXs through him.

Michael Williams, VCO called for District Staff Reports as follows:

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

James Duncan, DSO-AN – Report on file (Attachment C). The award was earned by all of the members who did that work.

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – Absent

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file (Attachment C). Price's home phone number will be changed next week. The repeater system for Diablo is currently being staged. They had been working with some old equipment. Once the update is completed, the current repeater will be taken out and moved to Mt. Vaca. A Letter of Intent has been created for Mt. Domino between Division 6 and the bay area.

Eric Hebert, DSO-CS – Excused. Report on file (Attachment C)

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file (Attachment C). Nothing further to report. Due to confidentiality, the financial report is not made a part of these minutes.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – AUXDATA has been updated for members who took the 8-hour TCT this year. The 1-hour TCT will automatically be shown as a waiver for this year.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – Report on file (Attachment C). A reminder, if you are signing things for rent of space. Be sure to contact legal before signing the contract.

Bruce Nicolai, DSO-MA – The district store is up and running. We are moving the stores materials to a new location on CG Island.

Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS – Report on file (Attachment C). Tarlson has been working in the Incident management area, and there will have class tomorrow. There will also be a Sea Partners train the trainer program and a Mini dockwalkers presentation tomorrow. We have a green light on uninspected towing vessels. There has been activity in all areas.

COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT – For SO-MT's, Maddox will be available tomorrow to tutor on-line exams.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Dean LaChapelle is the new ADSO to schedule OPEXs. It is recommend that some divisions collaborate. If you don't have a full team for the D-SAR competition, work together with other divisions to form a team. We now have a Delta Boating Safety Task Force, thanks to help from Bill Kinsey and CWO Ken Frost. STN Rio Vista is doing training the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday every month. The OPS/TCT workshop will be conducted Sunday morning.

Edward Sweeney, DSO-PA – Report on file (Attachment C). NSBW is coming up. PA officers should have received information on NSBW. There is a Kelloggs/Walmart promotion with girls wearing life jackets on packages of product that will be on the shelves most of the summer. Units may want to use this promotion to sponsor PA booths at local Walmart stores.

Delbert McEwen, DSO-PB – Report on file (Attachment C). Articles and data for the *Northwind* are needed by the end of April.

Michael Ungersma, DSO-PE – Report on file (Attachment C). PE classes seem to be good. There will be a PE workshop tomorrow covering all of the latest PE information.

Richard Thomas, DSO-PS – Report on file (Attachment C). There will be a PS workshop tomorrow.

Dean LaChapelle, DSO-PV – Report on file (Attachment C). PV's are starting to increase. As the weather gets better, so do the gasoline prices, and that impacts our program.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR – Nothing to report.

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file (Attachment C). Nothing further to report.

Irene Wetzel, CRC/DA – Wetzel described her role. A reminder to all MT officers to make sure they fill in the workshop SHP form for entry into AUXDATA. There seemed to be a lot of reports that didn't get filed last year.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1620.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is a telephone board meeting on Wednesday, 18 April 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A

ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 30 March 2007

DISTRICT BOARD:

Steven Budar, NACO
CAPT Barry Smith, CHDIRAUX
DCO Vic Connell
Mike Williams, VCO
Jimmin Chang, RCO
Bill Kinsey, RCO
Angelo Perata, RCO
COMO Eric Jacobsen, IPDCO
CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX
CWO Ken Frost, OTO
Stephen Salmon, DCP-1

Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3
Mike Nolan, DCP-4
Phil Sanchez, DCP-5
Rod Collins, DCP-6
Don Robertson, VCP-7
Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8
Alex Rider, DCP-10
John Boyne, DCP-11
Pat O'Leary, DCP-12
Fran Fisher, P-PCA/DSO-FN

DISTRICT STAFF:

Jim Duncan, DSO-AN
Jeff Price, DSO-CM
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS
Robert Firehock, DSO-LP
Bruce Nicolai, DSO-MA
Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT
COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP
Ed Sweeney, DSO-PA

Del McEwen, DSO-PB
Richard Thomas, DSO-PS
Dean LaChapelle, DSO-PV/VCP-3
Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Mike Lauro, DSO-VE
Margaret Wall, D-AA
Aurelio Leon, D-AD/B
Linda Haynes, D-AD/H
Irene Wetzel, CRC/DA

GUESTS:

Denis Eaton, VCP-5
Monica Eaton, VCP-10
Bill Sharp, FC-10-02
Morris Farmer, FC-07-08
Carol Farmer, FL 07-08
Joe Cannon, IP-PCA

Robert Smith, SO-VE-5
Mary Smith, SO-FN-5
Lee Scoville, FL-04-03
Wesley Craig, PDCP-11
Kenna Craig, SLO/LLO

ATTACHMENT B

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 30 March 2007

Stephen Salmon, DCP-1

Emergency Readiness Drill.

At 1930 hours on Tuesday, March 6, in response to a request from RCO William Kinsey, I initiated an emergency readiness drill for Division One. The message below (see Note 1) was read by telephone to all flotilla commanders, with the last call completed by 1941 hours. With one exception, the flotilla commanders immediately activated their phone trees (due to a misunderstanding, one flotilla commander did not begin contacts until the following day). Within 90 minutes of my initial call, responses from members of four flotillas had been received or messages left. Responses from the fifth flotilla were received the following day.

A table of the responses is appended below (see Note 2). In summary, 167 members were contacted. A total of 96 members said they were able to help as requested; 11 said no (usually with good reasons); and messages were left for 55. In five cases, the telephone number used was a bad number, and in one case there was no answer..

At our Division Board and Staff meeting on March 28, we will have a debriefing and discussion of lessons learned from the drill. We will also discuss the steps that need to be taken to fine-tune the individual flotillas' disaster response plans.

We appreciated this opportunity to test our readiness.

Strategic Plan Implementation.

A workshop on Recruiting and Retention was conducted after our Division Board and Staff meeting on February 28, with numerous comments and suggestions from all those in attendance. The workshop was recorded, and a summary will be distributed to all participants. In addition, the SO-PS will conduct follow-up meetings with each flotilla.

Implementation Team #2 will conduct a workshop on Leadership Development following the April Board and Staff meeting. Implementation Team #3 is organizing joint flotilla activities for National Safe Boating Week and a special VSC fair. Implementation Team #4 has been working on a joint OPEX with Division 4. Implementation Team #5 is transforming the Division website to incorporate "content management," providing a means of better communication between members, committees, and the Division Board and Staff. Implementation Team #6 is working to identify key Coast Guard programs for membership focus during the balance of the year.

Chartlets for Disaster Response and SAR.

The Disaster Response Planning Committee has completed the production of laminated chart booklets for the Bay Area, and copies will be distributed to all Division One coxswains. The chartlets identify and label key geographic points that may be important in disaster response,

including medevac drop-off points, fuel docks, marinas and other facilities that may be needed. Facing pages give the geographic coordinates for key locations, SAR procedures, GAR score calculations, and contact information for key individuals and agencies.

Note 1: The following message was used for the readiness drill:

“THIS IS A TEST. THIS IS ONLY A TEST.

A major disaster has occurred, and affects the entire area of Division 1. Please contact all of your flotilla’s members and ask them if they are willing and able to go to the nearest Coast Guard station, some time within the next 48 hours, and work an 8-hour shift, performing administrative support work. They will be reimbursed for travel, but not for their time.

It’s up to you, of course, how you contact your members. However, I suggest that you consider using a phone tree. Contact a small number of members, and ask them in turn to contact a small number of other members.

Please keep track of who you’re able to contact, and their response. Please ask anyone else who is making calls to do the same thing.

Again, THIS IS ONLY A TEST.

Any questions?”

Note 2:

READINESS EXERCISE RESULTS – Division One

Flotilla	Members Contacted	Yes	No	Left Message	Bad Number	No Answer
12	23	13	4	6		
14	45	28	4	13		
15	8	6	1	1		
17	68	31	0	32	4	1
19	23	18	2	3	1	
Total	167	96	11	55	5	1

Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3

- The FEB and MAR boat shows have been fruitful for the Division. We got several PE students, as well as new members from both shows. The Flotillas in Division 3 have decided to combine their efforts on working the various Boat Shows in Sacramento, as opposed to assigned individual shows to individual flotillas.
- FL 33, 35, 39, and 3-10 all have BS&S classes going at this time. FL 35 also has a AUXACN/Advanced Coastal navigation class with 17 students in it (3 from the public).

- The resignation of Bob McCaw as SO-OP has left quite a whole to fill. I have held out appointing "just anyone" to fill that position, since the SO-OP plays such a critical role in our Division. So far, none of the candidates who I have considered to be ideal replacements have been willing to accept the position.
- The Division has had one boat on patrol each weekend day since MAR one. One problem we have experienced is that a number of vessels have suffered mechanical breakdowns and may be out of commission for awhile. Also, with the departure of Davis Bogue, who typically patrolled over 200 hours each year, we will be needing others to step up to help ensure we have a presence on the local waterways.
- FL 39 continues to do an outstanding job in virtually all program areas, and is working to bolster the detachment at Oroville so that they can blossom into a flotilla, hopefully by 2008.
- The Antlers Tie Out is set to take place 3-6 MAY 2007, at Antlers Resort on Lake Shasta. A flyer is available for download at <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/calendar/pdf%20files/opex%20flyers/Div03OPTEX.pdf>.

Plans are underway for the Folsom Lake OPTREX to be held 22-24 JUN 07. We expect that a flyer will be available within the next month or so. We are still planning to have two additional OPTREX's - one at Lake Oroville in late summer, and one in OCT at Brannan Island.

Michael Nolan, DCP-4

1. Division 4 February social meeting held on Feb 28th, at 1930 in MCI, San Jose was hosted by Flotilla 41
2. Completed NavRules instruction for those that are in the Division 4 Coxswain Academy, Thanks to Stephen Powell for his efforts, endurance and patience in conducting a great class.
3. Annual Reports (7025):
 - a. Division 4 - Submitted
 - b. Flotilla 41 - Submitted
 - c. Flotilla 43 - Submitted
 - d. Flotilla 46 - Submitted
 - e. Flotilla 48 - Submitted
 - f. Flotilla 49 - Submitted
4. The Division has held it's second on the water training for New Coxswain Training, with all enrolled trainees attending.
5. Division Board is continuing to review the Division Contingency Plan.
6. Continuing to review Division Standing Rules.
7. SBOD will be an event between local yacht clubs only as a "cruise in" and will not require any CG or CG Aux assets as there will not be a regatta or parade.
8. We are still addressing the status of members that are in AP status for over 7 months. It appears that they have been approved and are awaiting AUXDATA entry.

9. A Division 4 member accompanied the REC to Flaming Gorge, Utah to assist in the renewal and testing for new Mariners Licenses.

10. 2 Flotilla 49 members were successful in starting "on-the-water" patrols on 3 South Bay Lakes.

Phil Sanchez, DCP-5

- I attended the Flotilla 52 Meeting on February 20th in Napa. I was very impressed with the context of the meeting and the enthusiasm of the newer members that are devoted to perform in operations and vessel examinations. They also expressed a true interest in growth.
- Still no progress on Division 5 Banner.
- Standing Rules revision status: Waiting for the final signed originals
- Division financial report and unit inventory record has been completed. Two Flotilla's are in the process of returning corrections to Como Cameron.
- Division 5 OPTREX will be held on the weekend of May 5th & 6th. The Optrex committee has provided a training schedule to be held at Coast Guard Station Vallejo. Training will consist of classroom workshops, dockside demonstrations, night navigation exercise, etc on Saturday and qualifications exams (per QE examiners schedule), POMS & ATON classes. And of course, an outstanding BBQ will be provided on Saturday evening.

Flotilla Commanders' reports

FC 51 Michael Dohm - No Report

FC 52 Charlotte Converse – No Report

FC 53 Douglas Burke

Flotilla 53 Division Report
Highlights of February, 2007

- Flotilla meeting- 2/20/07 at Adams Marine in Suisun City, Ca
- VE station held at the Suisun City boat ramp, 5 VE's completed.
- Aids to Navigation- Bridges and Atons that need inspections assigned to several qualified members.
- Past Captains Training- 5 members qualified to inspect ferry passenger vessels. (Doug Burke, Roger Smith, Leo Phillipi, Linda McCarty, Chuck McCarty)
- 2 members close to qualifying as VE's (Linda McCarty and Steve Cramer)
- Year end financial report completed, sent to Cameron.
- Flotilla dues sent to Mary Smith (\$608 for 19 members)
- Standing Rules for Flotilla 53- Next flotilla meeting (3/20) I will ask that these Standing Rules be adopted, they have already gone through legal once.

- Many awards handed out during the flotilla meeting.

FC 55 Ray Van Cleave

Announcements to newspapers, websites, and local businesses are being distributed for the upcoming ABC Class to be held March 31 at the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office.

Upcoming Public Affairs events include the Santa Rosa Boat and RV Show on April 13 - 15, the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival on April 21 - 22 (we will also have two or three boats in the water for this event), and the Coast Guard Station Bodega Bay Open House on May 19. Our FSO-VE has arranged a major VE event for Memorial Day weekend in cooperation with the Sheriff's Office and the Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Sonoma. Last year, over 80 Vessel Exams were given in one day.

FC and FSO-OP met with Station Bodega Bay's XPO Chief McCready and Petty Officer Machinski (our liaison) to discuss the Station's needs for our Flotilla's support this year.

Basically, they would like for us to continue with what we have been doing before:

Watchstanding for the Station (two watchstanders currently, one in training); provide facilities during the week to serve as platforms for the Station's training when requested; and weekend patrols when possible.

FC 57 Ingemar Olsson

Minutes from the February meeting are in the process of being adjusted and will be included in the April report.

Rodney Collins, DCP-6

Don Robertson, VCP-7 for Mart Gardner, DCP-7

As you are aware, Mart and his wife, Glenna, spent the last two months at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. providing critical moral and physical support to their son, David, as he recovered from wounds sustained during combat in Iraq. I'm pleased to report that they returned home last week. Not only is it good to have them back, but it also means their son is progressing well. They may be asked to make a few subsequent trips to assist their son with his recovery, but those stays won't be nearly as long as the initial one.

- 1) Boat Show – The division again participated in the annual boat show held in Salt Lake County. The show's sponsor donates booth space to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, which gives us the opportunity to meet the public and distribute boating safety information, including public education class schedules and vessel safety check information. The show goes from Wednesday thru Sunday, the first part of February.
- 2) International Sportsman's Expo – This year we were asked by the State Boating Office to join them in a youth interactive safety booth at the International Sportsman's Expo. This was another Thursday thru Sunday event. At the booth we used a simulated boating trip for the kids with a storm and rocking boat to show them (and their watching parents) how important it is to put on that life jacket before the trip begins. We were pleased to note that in nearly every case as the kids climbed into

our “boat,” the first thing they did was grab a life jacket and put it on. We had to ask them to take off the life jacket to participate in the demonstration. They had been taught well, and it was a pleasure to thank them and their parents for instilling this great habit into their boating activities.

- 3) Operations Basic Training (OBT) – The workshop is continuing well. They still meet on the first Saturday of each month to work on Crew and Coxswain requirements. Another classroom session is planned for April, and then as soon as the waters warm up, we hope to be able to begin some on-the-water exercises.
- 4) Quagga Mussels – When the zebra mussel jumped the 100-meridian line, it came in the form of it’s cousin, the quagga, which is being described as a zebra mussel on steroids. Following its discovery in Lake Mead (and subsequently in lakes Havasu and Mojave), Utah has put together a multi-agency task force to attack the problem and inform the public. The Auxiliary is being asked to take an active role in this effort by using public education classes and vessel safety checks to get the word out. Auxiliarists were invited to join members of state agencies for a special training session on the mussels, taught by experts from the states of Washington and Nevada. We’re armed with information and brochures and, thus far, a receptive public.
- 5) Public Education – Our early spring public education class sizes were somewhat disappointing. COMO Roger Meyer, SO-PE is working with the flotilla PE officers to come up with additional ways to promote our public education classes. He is very dedicated, and we have hopes of larger classes in the fall and winter sessions. COMO Meyer is working on a program to contact marine dealers and get them to partner with us in sponsoring public education classes. He is also looking toward insurance companies, since it is in their best interest to have educated boaters with fewer accidents.
- 6) OPEX/OPTREX – Our flotilla commanders were asked to come up with dates for two OPEX/OPTREX events. They have chosen 1-2 June at Jordanelle and 24-26 August, probably at Strawberry. They have received information on the procedure for requesting QE’s through the district’s QE coordinators, and that such requests need to be made two months in advance. Activities at the OPEX/OPTREXs will be coordinated by Dick Hoelle, SO-MT and Dick Allen, SO-OP, based on the needs of the members, as reported by their flotilla commanders.
- 7) State Parks Ranger Training – We have been asked by the State Parks to again provide classroom and some on-the-water training for their rangers. Based on reports of past classes, some of the other state agencies and sheriff’s departments plan to send participants to the training. SAR training will be at Utah Lake. Basic boating skills, towing and law enforcement procedures will be at Lake Powell. Lou Carroll and COMO Roger Meyer have coordinated this training in the past, and they will be doing so again this year.
- 8) SAR Exercise With Civil Air Patrol – We have been invited by the Civil Air Patrol to participate with them in a SAR exercise at Jordanelle sometime in May. They worked with us on joint SAR exercises at Bear Lake last year and at Strawberry Reservoir the year before. They are pleased with our partnership, and want to

continue the joint exercises. Dick Hoelle, SO-MT, Dick Allen, SO-OP and Tony Diamond, FC-76 will coordinate this activity.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8

Division 8 will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting at Eureka April 28. We plan to have a Division meeting at each Flotilla location this year and fill in the remainder by having telephone meetings. Travel distance for participants continues to be a handicap for many members who have to travel hundreds of miles to attend meetings sometimes having to spend the night in motels.

We completed planning our year's events, meeting times, telephone meetings, classes and the revitalization of Flotilla 86 Eureka whose enrollment has dropped precipitously.

At this time there will be no ISAR team from the Division.

Flotilla 86, Eureka: Current status 10 members. Focused efforts are being made to increase member numbers and identified mission. A member for Flotilla 8-11 has transferred to Eureka and the Flotilla is in the process of qualifying 3 new applicants. Leadership for 2008 will need to be addressed. Coast Guard personnel are making purposeful efforts to assist. An all-out blitz May 19-20 is being planned to gain membership and to energize personnel. Fill Martin FC, continues to perform mobile radio watches on a daily basis.

Flotilla 87, Mendocino: This flotilla is on top of all requirements and missions. Their flotilla leadership and is top notch. Training is ongoing with APC, SAR and NAV completed in the last two months. An additional activity for them, with training commencing this month, is servicing the helicopter fuel supply at Pt. Arena. It will save the CG as much as \$480,000 a year as they will not have to fly there and back from McKinleyville to service the supply themselves. The flotilla continues to service the two lighthouses, Pt. Arena and Pt. Cabrillo. They are very fortunate to be able to hold their meetings at the Noyo Station Class Room with CG support. Their Detachment is alive and well, closing in on 15 members.

Flotilla 88, Clear Lake: Continues to excel in Operations, Program visitations and Vessel Safety Checks. Hosting the QE training on Clear Lake February 23-25 went well. Flotilla Commander, Rich Thomas FC, is intent on increasing membership. He has ten new members in process. The Flotilla has changed its meeting date and time to the first Saturday of the month at 1000 hours. Site is Lakeside Inn. Plans are going forward for the Wal-Mart life jacketed give away in May Public Boating classes.

Flotilla 8-11, Crescent City: The dynamics and enthusiasm of the flotilla are outstanding. Operational training continues twice weekly on CG facility. Operations team is on 24/7 availability for SAR call out. Anthony Barron VCP, SOs Thom O'Connor and Helen O'Connor are extending their best efforts to help flotilla 86 re-energize itself. A TCT class was offered there March 18.

Alex Rider, DCP-10

1. A meeting of the Board and Division Staff was held March 09, 2007 at Doctor's Hospital in Modesto, CA.
2. The Division scheduled an OPTREX to be hosted by Flotilla 10-06 at Pine Flats Reservoir on

April 28, 2007. **EVENT CANCELLED DUE TO SCHEDULING ISSUES**

3. Preparations for D-Train in Modesto are 99% complete. The Class and Event Schedule has been published and distributed.
4. The Division ATON and Bridge assignments have been sent to ATON verifiers by the SO-AN.
5. The Flotillas are reviewing the proposed EOP. Flotilla 10-04 has requested to be allowed to "opt out" of the response plan since several members would, by dint of their employment, be required to respond in other locations and the remainder are restricted in their activities. The members of 10-04 will prepare themselves and their households with adequate supplies to survive and assist their neighbors in the event of any emergency.

John Boyne, DCP-11

The February Division Meeting to be held Monday 26 February in Carson City, NV was cancelled due to weather. It snowed and low temperature caused ice to form. It was not a night for safe driving. On Tuesday we started set up for the Reno Boat Show scheduled for March 3-6. Our information booth needed snow removal and de-icing. The LIL TOOT information booth with the Tiny Tots Training Pool and a members boat as a Facility Representation rounded out the display. The Coast Guard Boat was unavailable. Members from all the Flotillas stood watch during the show. Flotilla 11-03 and 11-05 held an ABC Class on March 10 the weekend following the Boat Show. Flotillas are doing member training, PA, joint patrols and preparing for the summer boating season. Flotilla 11-03 has lost a member and friend. Dave Melroy passed away on March 20. He was the VFC, FSO-MA and FSO-IS for Flotilla 11-03.

Flotilla Commanders Reports:

FC 11-01: Our Flotilla had members help man the AUX Booth at the Reno Boat Show. Our Flotilla participated (along with Station Tahoe) in the two Snow Fest parades at Tahoe City and Kings Beach. In both parades we handed out coloring books, etc to the hundreds of kids lining the parade route. Thanks to the Reno Flotilla for lending us L'il Toot for the Kings Beach event. We got an article in the North Lake Tahoe Bonanza on kayaking safely, particularly in the winter months. We helped man the Carolyn J for a safety patrol during the Model Dairy Fishing Derby last weekend. Two of our members have finished taking the AUXNav course put on by Vic Beelik; I assisted Vic by teaching the chapter on Radar. We're working on enhancing the Flotilla Web site in preparation to moving it to the same server used by the Reno Flotilla. We're also working redoing the storage for the AUX material at Stn Tahoe since they incorporated the old locker in to a larger office for the MK1. Three of our members will be attending D-Train. On 21-Apr-07 we'll be giving our first PE Class (on Kayaking).

FC 11-03: This report is a little difficult for me to write to night. Flotilla 11-03 had two productive days of safety patrol on Pyramid Lake. Saturday, March 17th Jim Kremsner and his crew Keith White, John Boyne, and from 11-04 Jim Snell. Thank you Jim. Also on Saturday Tom Komadina and crew Leon Borden and trainee Dave young. Komadina and Kremsner worked together with training and patrolling the Lake with Station Tahoe. The Sunday patrol consisted of Jack Leth with crew Don Morrison, Mike Lawrence, and trainee Dave Young. Station Tahoe patrolled the north end of the lake and Jack with his crew patrolled the south end of the lake. For some of the Board & Staff that did not know our VFC Dave Melroy was taken to Saint Mary's with double pneumonia Thursday March 1, 2007. It has been a very rough road for Dave and also for his wife Lee Ann. In the last three weeks Dave has had his ups and down. I had a call tonight, the one that no one wants to get. Dave Melroy passed away March 20 about 11:00 PM. I have lost

my good friend. I will be in touch with John Boyne about funeral time and place.

FC 11-04: Flotilla Meeting was held on March 20, 2007. Nine members (38%) attended the meeting. Members: Pamela A. Adamson, Joyce R. Peterson, Carolanne House and Warren House were officially disembroided. Al Morch (1219450) will be notified that action of disenrollment will be initiated for non-payment of dues. Awards: Jim Snell for completion of VESSEL EXAMINER Course. Member Training: Four members of Flotilla 11-04 and two members of Flotilla 11-01 attended the two-month long Advanced Navigation Course (AUXNAV) offered by Flotilla 11-04 in Zephyr Cove, NV. The class was thought by Vic Beelik and assisted by Bob Oden 11-04 and FC Jack Leth Flotilla 11-01. Testing for Part A and Part B were completed on March 15 and mailed to DIRAUX on March 16. Bob Oden conducted the mandatory TCT refresher workshop at the flotilla meeting. Public affairs: Tahoe Tribune published an article about the CG AUXILIARY Flotilla 11-04 with a picture of individuals attending the February Flotilla Meeting. As a result a South Lake Tahoe Boat Club invited the AUX to make a presentation at their May meeting and perform VSC on their members boat. Flotilla 11-04 took advantage of the opportunity offered by Sally Neitling, director of the South Lake Tahoe Branch library, to exhibit various personal flotation devices and boating safety items available to the boating public and inform them about the activities of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in South Lake Tahoe. The exhibit was displayed in 20 by 6 foot glass enclose wall mounted case. The South Lake Tahoe Library is a branch of the Eldorado County Library (County seat in Placerville CA.) This exhibit was open to the public throughout the month of March. Besides displaying life saving devices, the display called attention to free Vessel Safety Examinations and the Public Education opportunities offered by the Auxiliary. DTRAIN: Flotilla 11-04 will submit their monthly newsletter "DIRECTION FINDER" for competition in the Best Flotilla Publication. PUBLIC EDUCATION: Flotilla 11-04 is planning to offer the boating course (ABC) and a GPS course in the coming months. VE: Vessel Examinations are planned starting in May.

FC 11-05: Meeting held at the Round Table Pizza Damonte and Old Virginia 7 members were present. Two Guests were present Ed Lyngar NDOW and John Boyne Div Captain. Member Training-We has available Ken Wilrich one of the most outstanding instructors with extensive knowledge who wants to teach the Auxiliary Operations Courses, which are part of Boat Crew. Marlin Spike Knot Tying was given to members as part of their upcoming Crew Member Training. Instructors were Steve Perez FSO-FN and John Boyne. Staff Officer Reports: Finance-The annual Dues to District are due and this will put a big dent in our budget. The treasury is healthy right now with all member dues paid. The ABC Class money after the split went to pay our share of the phone bill of \$17.00. PA/PE - The ABC Class on 10 March was a success with 9 students attending which 2 were less than 17 years of age. The monthly PSA announcements went out as scheduled. Operations Report: Marine Dealer visit at West Marine informed that members will now need a certificate to obtain a catalog, Carson City now has 4 dealers all supplied with materials with 3 more possible dealers soon. Moment of Silence held for Dave Melroy, Fair Winds and Following Sea's We Will Miss You.

Pat O'Leary, DCP-12

Update:

- 1 Flotillas continue working on their yearly goals/budgets.
- 2 The disaster planning reports from Flotillas are complete. Division final report with all Flotilla reports is ready for submission. We plan to exercise the phone tree within the next 30 days

PA events:

1 Boats' n Kids kick off day on board the Morgenthau event scheduled April 21st. Anyone wishing to participate contact Brigitte Nicolai.

Flotilla 12-21 will set up an information and boat inspection area in the parking lot at the Ballena Marina on 3/17 and 3/18 from 0800 to 1600 daily.

Member training:

1 Workshops and Study groups scheduled for ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800.

2 Division 12 OPTREX is scheduled for April 28th and 29th. Currently there are over 45 people signed up for the exercise with four people going in front of a QE.

Public Education Flotillas have public education classes in progress continuing through the year. Schedules are in the works for the coming year:

- 1 The are 2 GPS classes,
- 2 2 ABC classes,
- 3 On the water training and
- 4 Basic Coastal Navigation.
- 5 Boating Skills and Seamanship course
- 6 Youth programs and Boats n' Kids school visits.

Operational Patrols and VE Station

- 1 Our Flotillas reported several VE stations at different Marinas.
- 2 Land Mobil Patrols, on the water and air patrols continue.

Fellowship:

1 Working on programs for the coming year.

Email groups have been setup for the Board and for the membership. The Board Group is intended for sharing of reports while the Membership group is used to distribute emails of interest out to the Membership at large.

Frances Fisher, P-PCA

1. Meetings: Our first meeting of 2007 will be held Sunday, April 1, 2007 at the PCA breakfast (DTrain).

2. PCA Training Fair: The February PCA Training Fair was the most successful to date. We had over 200 attendees. The winning unit (most attendees as percent of membership) will be announced at the DTrain District Meeting.

3. ANNUAL PCA POKER RUN: The 2007 Poker Run will be held at Brannan Island on July 28, 2007.

4. D11NR Memorial PROJECT: Still underway. My goal is to get something finalized this year.

Jimmin Chang, RCO-MS

1. I attended Division 1's March meeting at Air STA San Francisco. There was great enthusiasm and constructive discussions. This would complete my first round of visits as RCO to Divisions 1, 6 and 10.

2. 2007 Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Campaign will be conducted during the month of April. All Flotilla Commanders should have already received campaign material. DCPs, please remind FC to hand them out to all members. The goal is to have 100% personal contact to our members. This year's theme is "Helping Each Other". As ADM Thad Allen said, "Personal financial hardship can happen to any of us and for any number of reasons, not just following a natural disaster... CGMA gets real help to those in need when they need it most." Please support CGMA as they are not permitted to solicit funds outside the Coast Guard Family.
3. DTRAIN Friday Fun Night Divisions 1, 6, 7, and 10's theme is "Amazing Race: Around the World, Celebrating Diversity." Ports of call include Vladivostok, Russia (Division 1), Mazatlan, Mexico (Division 6) and Galveston, TX (Divisions 7 and 10). We will have meat and cabbage peruskis, pheasant spring rolls, chips and bean dips, beer, vodka and hot tea.
4. Richard Thomas, DSO-PS's February report was an excellent article on Recruitment and Retention. It is only 7 pages long, but has all the great, concise details from the National Study. Recommend all elected officers to read and implement.
5. Many recently approved members and application-pending members show great enthusiasm and eager to learn, as indicated by record attendance at February's PCA Training Fair and also at DTRAIN. We need to practice good retention efforts to keep these members interested.

William Kinsey, RCO-OMS

PCA Fair 17FEB07: I visited the Aid Verifier training session conducted by Jim Duncan DSO-AN and the Coxswain Ground School session conducted by Bob Peterson ADSO-OP. The numbers of participating members, and their level of focus and engagement was impressive and encouraging. We've got some very dedicated members in 11NR who've got an interest in the operational missions of the AUX 11NR. My thanks to the Division Captains and Flotilla Commanders for encouraging their members' participation at the District's training events.

2. Readiness Exercise Division 1 06MAR07: RCO-OMS & DCP1 conducted a telephone tree readiness exercise involving the five flotillas of Division 1, in an attempt to contact all the division's members at a moment's notice. The purpose of this exercise was to a) examine and exercise our ability to contact the general membership via telephone within a short time-span, b) gauge spur-of-the-moment availability of our members, c) to provide an opportunity for AUX unit leaders to identify the challenges associated with callouts. Subsequent exercises of this type will be conducted with each of District 11NR's divisions throughout 2007. Please see the DCP1 report for further details.
3. Readiness Exercise Marine Safety 11NR 12MAR07: RCO-OMS, DSO-MS, & ADSO-MS/O conducted a limited telephone query exercise among those 11NR members who have previously identified themselves as being available for short-term assistance for Marine Safety and related missions. Please see the DSO-MS report for further details.
4. Patrol Area Coordinator's meeting 12MAR07: I attended the PAC meeting, which was conducted by CWO4 Ken Frost OTO 11NR and Gail Ramsey DSO-OP 11NR. Among those in attendance in addition to the PACs and AUXLOs from around the district, were Randy Parent DSO-FSO representing the Aviation mission, and Jeff Price DSO-CM representing the Land-Mobile mission.

5. D-Train Readiness Workshop Saturday 31MAR07: RCO-OMS & DSO-CM will conduct a readiness workshop that will focus on the development and use of telephone trees at the flotilla and division level, and will create a readiness exercise similar to the 06MAR07 Div 1 exercise.
6. D-Train Fun Night 30MAR07: RCO-OMS and DCPs 3, 8, 11 invite all our mates to join us for a swashbuckling evening of snacks and beverages in the Pirate Room.

Angelo Perata, RCO-RBS

Divisions 04-05-&12 have been working hard for Fun Night with our theme Hawaii .Watch out for the Hula girls & Guys.

Division 04 Coxswain Academy is underway and has held second on the water training. Good start Div-04

Division05 has sent me a newsletter for review. Nicely done Ok to send out. Also May 5-6 will have OPTREX. OPTREX location is Coast Guard Station Vallejo & BBQ Sat. night.

Division12 OPTREX April 28 & 29 Contact Pat O'Leary for time and location.

National Recreational Boating Safety Program.

Date Launches the week of May 19th.

Strategic plan for 2007 objectives

1. Safety through Education
2. Awareness of Safe boating practices. Example. Lifejackets, (Wear it) this years campaign theme.
3. Will meet with DSO-PE-PV & VE at D-Train to discuss our programs for 2007.

The District store will be at D-Train and should be open Friday Afternoon if all goes well.

ATTACHMENT C

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS
 DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
 30 March 2007

James Duncan, DSO-AN

1. **PLANNING A WINNING ATON/CU PROGRAMS:** The Colts are the 2007 NFL 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 and training and execution. As I gloat on this great Colts win, it occurs to me that we could learn a great lesson from their management approach in the ATON/Chart Updating programs. The full program text is at the end of this Bulletin starting on page 5.

2. **2007 BRIDGE, AIDS TO NAVIGATION, AND CHART UPDATING GUIDE:** The 2007 BRIDGE, AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND CHART UPDATING GUIDE on the D11 (NR) District Web Site under Mission, ATION-Chart Updating. <http://www.d11uscgaux.info> All AN Staff Officers, Aid Verifiers and Members doing Chart Updating should download a new edition of the guide. The bridge section and chart updating section have been rewritten. If you are unable to download your copy of the 2007 guide, check with your FSO-AN or SO-AN or contact me.

3. **2007 PATON & BRIDGE FORMS:** The 2007 PATON Forms and Bridge Packets have been printed and distributed to all Division AN Officers. The SO-ANs will or have already distributed to the proper FSO-ANs. that did not attend will receive them in the mail. You will need to sort them and distribute them to your FSO-ANs. Some PATON reports and Bridge have come. You should be checking your aids and bridges now.

There are no changes to the PATON Form. I-ATONIS is generating a new 12 digit Aid Number (1001166123456) for all new PATONs. The older ATONIS PATON numbers will remain the same until there is a major charge to the permit.

4. **2007 AID TO NAVIGATION, BRIDGE, & CHART UPDATING ACTIVITY:** D11 (NR) Aids to Navigation, Bridge, & Chart Updating Summary Report Table for Divisional ATON/CU activity. Table covers all ATON, PATON, Bridge, & Chart updating reports received through **March 5, 2007.**

2007 DIVISIONAL, BRIDGE, ATON, & CHART UPDATING SUMMARY REPORT

Div.	AIDS TO NAVIGATION							BRIDGES			PATONS			2007 AV's
	A	AI	P	PI	B	BI	U	AOR	Done	%	AOR	Done	%	
1								3			124			17
3								13			42			16
4								2			53			4
5								9			110			17
6								2			129			5
8								1			4			1
10								10			52			9

11			NA			96			10
12	5	1	9	1	11	145	5	3	13
Total	5	1	49	1	2	755	5	1	92

	Chart Updating Apr 1 to Dec 31, 2006			Chart Updating Jan 1 to April 30, 2007		
Div.	Reports	0	NOAA-CUC	Reports	0	NOAA-CUC
1	51	5	1175			
3	19	1	1140			
4						
5	2	0	120			
6						
8						
10	8	0	372			
11						
12	10	3	436			
Total	90	9	3243			

Total NOAA Reports 1/1 through 4/30/07	0	Total NOAA CUC 4/1 to12/31/07	0
Total Aids to Navigation	6	Total Members Submitting Reports	1
Total Aids to Navigation in AUXINFO	0	0 out of 0 reports showing up in AUXINFO	0%
Total Chart Updating	0	A= ATON, P= PATON, B= Bridges, U= Unauthorized	
Total ATON & Chart Updating	6	C=Chart Updating, SC= Small Craft Updating, CCP=Charting Credit Points	

- Note: NOAA-NOS Chart Updating year is April 1 through March 31.
- Note: D11NR Chart Updating year is January 1 through December 31.
- Note: The **Red (0)** indicates a second Chart Updating Observers.
- Note: **Red Numbers** is the information from AUXINFO as of **March 5, 2007** update.
- Note: "Don't forget to submit your 7030 for all ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating Activity. Your work is not done until your 7030 is in your FSO-IS hands."

5. PAST CAPTAINS TRAINING FAIR: I conducted two classes at the Past Captains Training Fair on February 17 & 18, 2007. **(1) AID VERIFIER QUALIFICATION COURSE**, this was an eight-hour qualification course. Twenty students qualified and certified as Aid Verifiers. This brings the aid verifier count to 92. **(2) CHART UPDATING CLASS**, this class was for those who wanted to learn about Chart Updating to assist the NOAA National Ocean Service in keeping our charts and waterways information correct. This class will help those ADOPT-A-CHART Flotillas that have contracted with NOAA-NOS to keep their Adopted Charts update. They were very productive classes with a total of 44 students,

6. DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITIONS: Are you using the latest edition charts? D11 Northern Region now has 1 New Chart Editions in 2007. We had 6 New Chart Editions in 2006. They covered many Divisional AOR, some having one or more new chart edition. See Dates of Chart Latest Edition Table for D11 Northern Region is on page 5.

Charts with edition dates prior to those listed in the table on page 4 are obsolete for use in navigation and Chart Updating activities. The date of a chart is of vital importance to the navigator and the aid verifier. 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.

Remember NOAA Raster Navigational Charts are free on line.
<http://www.freeboatingcharts.com>

7. AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND CHART UPDATING WEB PAGE: Thanks to Leanne Sweeney ADSO-ANW, the Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating web page has most of your ATON & Chart Updating needed information and links. It will have all past DSO-AN Bulletins. We will be adding new items through out the year. Take a look. You can find it on the **NEW** District Eleven Auxiliary Web Site under, MISSIONS, ATON & Chart Updating. <http://www.d11uscgaux.info>

8. Repeater: COAST GUARD LIGHT LIST& LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS Have you downloaded your copy of the Coast Guard Light List Volume 6, you can at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>. All Aid Verifiers should have the most up to date copy. This copy is updated through the Local Notice to Mariners (49-06) as are a summary of corrections

DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITION TABLE

In D11 Northern Region March 5, 2007

Chart No.	Chart Scale	Edition No.	Last Update
18600	196,948	14	Jan 26,2002
18601	40,000	13	Sep 12,1998
18602	40,000	12	Apr 2003
18603	40,000	16	Dec 2002
18605	15,000	12	Mar 2003
18620	200,000	23	Jun 2002
18622	25,000	54	Apr 2007
18623	40,000	11	Jun 4, 2001
18626	40,000	15	Sep 16, 2000
18628	10,000	8	Nov 27, 1999
18640	207,840	25	Aug 2005
18643	30,000	17	Apr 2003
18645	100,000	25	Jun 2005
18647	40,000	15	Sep 2002
18649	40,000	65	JUL 2007
18650	20,000	54	Oct 2005
18651	40,000	44	Apr 2007
18652 SC	40,000:80,000	33	Feb 2005
18653	20,000	10	July 2005
18654	40,000	43	Mar 2004
18655	10,000	59	OCT 2007
18656	40,000	55	SEP 2007
18657	10,000	19	Nov 2005
18658	10,000	30	Dec 2003
18659	10,000	15	Sep 2004
18660	20,000	3	Sep 2005
18661 SC	40,000	29	Dec 2006

18662 SC	40,000	21	Apr 2005
18663	20,000	6	APR 2007
18664	20,000	12	Aug 26, 2000
18665	40,000	11	Aug 2004
18666	10,000	1	Nov 24, 2001
18667	20,000	12	Aug 26, 2000
18680	210,668	31	Jun2005
18682	20,000	14	Nov 2003
18685	50,000	33	Sep 2005
18686	40,000	13	Jul 17, 1999
18700	216,116	22	Jul 2003
18703	40,000	25	Jul 2003
18704	20,000	13	May 2004

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Study

A firm understanding of the different ATON/CU programs is essential for any effective ATON/CU activity. There are five core ATON programs to take advantage of that involve checking Federal aids for discrepancies, verifying Private Aids--PATONs, checking safety equipment on bridges, updating nautical charts and navigational documents, and small craft facility reporting. Each of these programs has their own verifying procedures and reporting forms. Federal and Private aid programs check for similar discrepancies but have different reporting methods. Participation in the PATON program requires special training and AV certification. Checking bridges includes a different list of safety equipment checks, forms and reporting procedures. Chart updating and small craft facility reporting uses a common reporting process but deals with different types of reportable items. Obviously a little study is needed to order to be able to become proficient with what to report as well as to whom to make your reports. Here are a few tips to overcome a potential knowledge gap and get your ATON/CU programs jump-started:

- Stick with one program at a time until you get it down pat. Don't get overwhelmed trying to handle all five at once.
- Ask your ATON staff officers for the latest procedures and training materials.
- Schedule ATON/CU trainings sessions in your division or flotilla to help with your study.
- Use a member who is skilled in a particular ATON/CU programs in order to run an efficient patrol or mission.
- If necessary, borrow a trained member from another flotilla or division until you can get the hang of your ATON/CU programs.

Your goal should be to get your ATON/CU programs going, and underway. Training is the quickest way to get members involved and active.

Planning

Start your ATON/CU planning by gathering the correct forms and equipment for your facility that is required for the ATON activity that you intent to carry out. Here are a few pieces of equipment you should have aboard:

- **NOS Nautical Chart** – Always use the latest edition chart, updated to the latest LNM- local Notice to Mariners. <http://www.freeboatingcharts.com> When your Flotilla adopts a chart, NOAA supplies free charts. Ask your Flotilla Staff Officers about adopting a chart.
- **LNM-Local Notice to Mariners** – at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov> on line. Keep your nautical chart, Light List, and Coast Pilot up to date. Corrected documents are critical for high quality ATON/Chart Updating reporting.
- **Light List** – at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov> on line. Only print out the pages that reference the AOR where you plan to operate your boat during the patrol.
- **Coast Pilot** – at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm> on line. Only print out the pages that reference your AOR.
- **GPS** – Inexpensive hand held GPS sets are available today that use WAAS (Wide Angle Augmentation System) and are accurate within < then 1 Meter. Be sure that your set is calibrated correctly and that the appropriate datum and other units of measure are set. As part of your training, be sure that you understand how to monitor and report the quality read-outs from your GPS. WAAS positions usually show an EPE- Estimated Position Error. DGPS shows an HDOP- Horizontal Dissolution of Precision error.
- **Navigational Equipment** – A simple plotter, dividers, mechanical pencil, and eraser are commonly all that is needed. Clipboards are useful. A plotting board is helpful for checking positions while underway.
- **Binoculars** – A good pair will allow you to safely check buoys, bridges and other charted objects from a safe distance without putting yourself or your boat any jeopardy.
- **Digital Camera** – Inexpensive digital cameras are available that take high quality pictures. Many USCG-Aid to Navigation Teams encourage photographs of Private aids in the Aid folders. Pictures of discrepancies on aids and bridges are highly desirable and add to the credibility and quality of your reports.

Another important aspect of planning is to decide in advance what type of ATON/CU activity that you want to perform while on a patrol. If you plan to verify PATONs, you will need an AV certified member as part of your crew. In addition, you will need to acquire PATON Forms for the private aids that you plan to verify. These forms are available from your SO-AN, FSO-AN, or DSO-AN through the Coast Guard I-ATONIS. In our district, a similar system is used for obtaining Bridge report forms. Federal Aids should can be checked whenever you are underway for discrepancies and reported to the Coast Guard by radio or Telephone and on an ANSC 7054 ATON Discrepancy Report form.

Preplan the best route for your ATON/CU patrol that minimizes the amount of travel you will need to cover the aids and bridges that you plan to check. This procedure saves you time and makes your patrol more effective. It assumes that you have a detailed plan and sequence established for your planned activity, allowing you to get the proper forms in the correct order. This approach will eliminate much confusion while you are underway.

Another good practice is to develop waypoints and establish a route in your GPS for your planned track. Also, create a timeline for your trip and monitor its progress during the patrol. Use the time of travel between planned verifications to hone your crew's navigation skills and keep them focused and alert. Allow time for breaks and snacks in your plan. You will be amazed at the additional ATON / Chart Updating reportable observations and discrepancies that you will find while operating in this mode.

Preparation and Training

The more ATON/CU program training that is conducted within an area, the more ATON/CU report productivity that is generated from the area. Insist on quality ATON and Chart Updating training programs from your ATON staff officers. Besides the necessary personal study, you could use the skills of an experienced member to help train the other members of your crew. On-the-job training is a potent tool for developing a strong ATON/CU programs. Scheduling on-the-water ATON/CU activity in conjunction with formal ATON/CU training is an effective method for encouraging your newly trained members to become active and productive.

After you identify the aids, bridges and chart updating objects that you intend to verify or check while on your patrol or mission, make crew assignments to assure not only that everyone participates and learns but also that you achieve high quality and complete observations. Here are some typical assignments that you may want to consider:

- **Navigator and boat operator** – is responsible for the safe operation of the OPFAC and for the maneuvering of the boat close aboard the aids. Never put your boat in jeopardy while on an ATON/CU patrol or mission. Always keep the OPFAC in the channel. Keep clear of fixed aids and any channel edges. If you are not sure of the channel depth, stay out of the channel. Do not forget the normal lookout assignments that must be maintained while you are underway. Always include the safety of the crew and boat in your plan.
- **Observer(s)** – responsible for performing the actual observation of the aid, bridge or object. Use your most experienced members for this task. It takes time to acquire all the background knowledge that is necessary to become a good observer. Use every opportunity while on an ATON/CU patrol or mission to discuss the items that must be checked on a bridge, aid or chart. Provide checklists to assist new observers.
- **Recorder(s)** – responsible for recording the observed data on the proper forms. You need someone who can write clearly and quickly, and is trained on the use of the ATON & CU program's forms. It is very disappointing to complete an extensive ATON/CU patrol or mission and then find that you cannot read the data that was collected. If you have extra crewmembers, assign one to complete the final reports while underway and review them with the other crewmembers so they learn the process. This also saves time at the end of the patrol and may allow a chance to take corrected observations when errors are detected.
- **GPS reader** – responsible for calibrating the GPS and reading the latitude and longitude of each position check that is performed. Another important aspect of this job is to insure that the GPS continues to operate at a high quality level. Monitoring and recording EPE or HDOP error levels are part of this assignment as well as assuring the crew that the GPS continuously operates in 3D mode. Report these quality readings with each position. It adds great credibility to your reports.
- **Depth reader** – responsible for calibrating the Fathometer and reading the depths close aboard aids to navigation and within the navigable channels under bridges. Generally, it is not necessary to correct these readings for height of tide. However, it is important that the date and time is recorded when depths are taken. Correct every depth reading for the position of the transducer on your boat.

- **Conformity checker** – responsible for assuring that the observed aids conform to the IALA-B Aids to Navigation System—the system used in the waters of the United States. If you are operating on the major river systems. Using the Light List, this team member validates that the observed aid conforms to the entry for the aid in the Light List. This member also validates the aid's abbreviations and characteristics shown on the NOS Chart. When you have larger crews, this job can be split up between multiple members. The goal is to keep each crewmember involved, active and learning.
- **Photographer** – responsible for photographing private aids, aid and bridge discrepancies, and supporting pictures for chart updating reports.

Splitting the workload with the members of your crew while on an ATON/CU patrol or mission keeps everyone involved in the underway activity. Don't miss this opportunity for on-the-job training. Switch the crew duties around on long patrols so that everyone gets a chance to participate in the whole verification process. Stress the benefits of teamwork and the importance of each job's contribution to high quality ATON/CU reporting. Encourage team support of each reporting crewmember. Correct all errors while on scene. Don't settle for half-hearted or shoddy reporting. Encourage each member to act as a quality check on each other's report. It is easy to miss a reading or an observation but good interaction among the team members won't let it happen.

Execution

Before you leave the dock, spend a few minutes to explain the assignments to your crew. Be sure that each participant has the right equipment and forms to effectively complete their assignment. Let everyone know how he or she is contributing to the final product—a high quality ATON/CU report. Add your special ATON/CU equipment to your OPFAC pre-underway check off list so nothing is left behind that will be needed while underway. Explain the scope of your planned patrol or mission. If you have established a route for the patrol or mission on your GPS, be sure that it is plotted on your nautical chart. Invite crewmembers to assist in the navigation monitoring process while you are underway.

Take the time to insure each observation is properly and accurately recorded. Quality reporting should be the only objective. Do not make your activity a race to see how fast your verifications can be made. Teamwork and training will provide all the speed and efficiency you will need. A trained team performs simultaneous observations faster than the best recorder can write down the data. Take the time to record the data clearly, completely and accurately.

As your ATON/CU team develops, encourage members to participate in the entire verification process. Train them to provide the most accurate data possible.

After you return to the dock, assist the recorders with the final report preparation. It is a good practice to have different crew members double check the reports to insure that they are professionally prepared, complete, clear, and ready for presentation to the appropriate Coast Guard agency or NOAA.

Finally, insure that the ANSC 7030 Activity Reports – Mission are prepared and forwarded to the "IS" department for entry into AUXDATA. Use a separate ANSC 7030 to report the patrol for the boat using activity code "03." This reports records the underway time for the coxswain and crew. Do not record any ATON activity on this report.

Each person participating in the ATON activity while on the patrol must submit a separate

ANSC 7030 Activity Report that reflects his or her portion of the ATON activity. When your ATON activity is performed while on an authorized patrol, limit the time for this activity to 60 minutes. The report for the boat covers your underway time. Three activity codes are used and the numbers of aids verified and discrepant are reported. Use Code 30 to report Federal aid activity. Use Code 31 for Private aids and Code 32 for reporting Bridge activity. These statistics are important to the success of the Auxiliary Aid to Navigation program. Unfortunately, most of this data has not been reported in the past or is reported incorrectly. This is the data that is used to determine the annual Auxiliary Aid to Navigation Awards.

All person participating in the CU activity while on the patrol or mission may be submitted on a single ANSC 7030 Activity Report that reflects his or her portion of the CU activity. Use Code 41 for Federal agency.

Summary

Using a professional approach for ATON/CU patrol or mission provides a great on the water experience with the satisfaction that you and your crew are making an important contribution to the Coast Guard and NOAA-National Ocean Service, the Auxiliary and your fellow boat operators in your area. Correct and accurate charts, private aids conforming to Coast Guard standards, correctly positioned and charted, and bridges with the correct lighting and safety equipment are the result. Not to mention the team development experienced by your crew and the feeling that they are making important contributions to Homeland Security. You will wonder where the time went!

There is plenty of ATON / Chart Updating work to be done. Check with your ATON Staff Officer and get involved with this important Auxiliary program.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM

1. It is with great pleasure that I announce that the PCA FAIR in February was a complete success in regards to the Direction finding portion of the Fair that took place on that Sunday. We were able to bring together 2 very unique Auxiliary detachments us of course and the Civil Air Patrol (Air Force Auxiliary). Many thanks were extended Mr. Mike Heil who is the Communications Director for California for the Civil Air Patrol. We had a very high turn out for the session and from all accounts all who attended very well received the information. We did a very in depth classroom portion and after lunch many of the Auxiliary members did a "fox hunt" utilizing what is known as a "dummy load" as a target. The practice beacon was set to frequency that is not detected by the SARSAT. The practice beacon dummy load was placed in a boat parked in the boat storage lot behind the galley. None of the professional Auxiliary members had a difficult time finding this beacon, which made me very happy. I was mostly happy to know that it was easier for some of the key mobiles responders of this District. The need for their responses will certainly call upon as the busy season approaches. Prior to the D/F workshop we had 4 mobiles responders with D/F machines. We now have added 3 more to the team. 2 of the machines went to 2 very qualified mobile responders from Division 4 who have consistently logged into the ARMS system as being available. There are a few members that have utilized their own resources to get their own machines and they have let me know that they would be available to help in any way possible and for those I say a hardy THANK YOU. I still have a need to drop 2 more of these machines in areas like Division 5 and Division 8. The person who receives this machine must know that they need to be listed in the ARMS system and be available to respond both day and night.

This is very important because these signals do not just go off during business hours. I will send the SO-CM from the areas that I would like these to go into and let them know what I need and expect. Division 8 should be looking in the greater Redwood Empire area for this to go into. Since the D/F workshop, Mr. Heil and I have gotten together and are in the process of developing something very significant for both agencies and the possibilities to drill together as needed. There are several other items we are discussing that should prove to be very helpful to all of us. My many thanks to all who attended and I hope to do something like this again soon.

2. The District Repeater team now has all the equipment that they need to complete the repeater mission. The items are being staged with the ADSO-CM/R and the programming is currently being taken care of. The real possibility of having this equipment up with in the next few weeks is very good as they continue to fine tune the systems. I know that this has been frustrating for those who have enjoyed the remote base portion of what the repeater has offered in the past. It was a lot easier in the past because the frequency was not as challenging as this new pair is. We are fighting a good fight to eliminate lots of ground noise up on Mt. Diablo that has all but shut us down. The new equipment that has been purchased will take care of most if not all of this problem leaving us with a nice clear sound from both transmit and receive points. It should be noted that as soon as the new system is in place on Diablo then another system will be stood up that will really help those that take care of the sole state lakes in the Division 3 area as well as the Division 8 area and the Delta region. We are looking forward to serving the Division 6 and Division 1,12 and 4 areas from a repeater site high above San Jose and Santa Cruz. I have received the letter of intent that I requested from the Command Staff at the Sector. With their support, I will have one of the best sites possible up on this very unique mountaintop. This will also cover the areas surrounding Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay, which will be very helpful for those responders in that area. This site will have a remote access meaning they will be able to check into the Monday Night Net as well as assist the Bay Area in the event of any emergency and visa versa. I am currently working with some others to get more mountaintops. I have received lots of interest from various points in this District. Lots of people want a repeater in their areas and I understand that but the chances are unlikely for areas that the Coast Guard does not cover. It will cost this District lots of money in rental fees and other related charges. I ask that all be as patient as possible as I get this task taken care of.
 3. I encourage all who are interested in the Communications platform to check out the District web site for updated information pertaining to the Communications Department. Any so-called "public" related information will be posted and the more critical information will be passed via email to the membership. The ADSO-CM/IT can be contacted for information and also the membership can also request through him to place information pertaining to the District Communications on the site. He will run those requests through me for approval. The migration seems to be back in place and working fine.
<http://www.uscgaux-d11nr.org/Operations/communications.htm>
 4. Just so all who are interested, I have a very special need for H/F Radio Communicators from all over this District. National has created a new AUXMON system to interact specifically with CAMSPAC. I have much more information in regards to this that is just waiting for someone to come up and say "I want to participate". Please contact the ADSO-CM/R/HF or myself for further detailed information. Anyone who has a H/F radio is half way there so please print the form at the end of this report and get it back to me so I can plug you in!!!!
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5. I would like to extend my best wishes to Mr. Stu Langs for a rapid recovery from Heart Surgery. He has a BIG Heart so this WILL go off with no problem. Good speed MT and we all wish you a speedy recovery. .
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6. **ADSO-CM/IT**: Mr. McCabe will be adding several items to the ARMS site as we get requests. There have been a few requests in the comment section of the ARMS page that we have tried to implement. We will also be making room for new people as seen below.
 7. **ADSO-CM/R**: Please see above. We will continue to provide the best that we can.
 8. **ADSO-CM/MT**: Please see above. We wish him a speedy recovery!!!!
 9. **ADSO-CM/LM**: Mr. Love has been receiving lots of information from the Mobiles. The door is wide open for anyone who has any questions regarding current policy and what needs to be done to get more involved with the mobile program and the exact role that the mobile communicators play.
 10. **ADSO-CM/W**: I have created a new style for this position to be more interactive with the local Stations AUXLO. There is a very large desire to have Auxiliary Communications professionals stand a watch or two at the local Stations. I will be laying the groundwork for Mr. Lam and he will take it from there. Mr. Lam will also help any Auxiliary member with any information in regards to setting up a Fixed Land Facility, which is very encouraged.
 11. **AUX RADIO NET**: Currently we are only transmitting on the repeater frequency for the Aux Net. Many who have that capability are checking in with little issue. Those that have radio scanners that can monitor our frequency are encouraged to program that frequency in so they can get any valuable information. I will notify all the members when the remote base is back up and running. I will provide that information well in advance of the Monday night net so these people can get their radios fired up again. THERE IS CURRENTLY NO VHF 83A RADIO NET JUST THE REPEATER. If you need the frequency, please feel free to contact me and I will gladly provide.
 12. **AWO (AUXILIARY WATCH OFFICER)**: We currently have all positions filled but one may be coming available soon. I will be updating the comms page on the District site when this position comes available. I will be taking applications for this position at that time. More to follow when it becomes available.
 13. **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 and DIRAUX. This site that has been established contains several Mobile responders that have stated that they want to be apart 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 it's kind in the entire Coast Guard Auxiliary. We are currently in discussion with the AUX AIR to see if having their aircraft implemented into the ARMS system would benefit the program. There was discussion

about having the AUXAIR work closer with the AUX Mobiles while under orders and having the pilots check in to the ARMS System to see when and where the mobiles will be patrolling. This could help in the event that they happen to see something that the mobile can help out with. ALL MOBILES THAT WORK UNDER ORDERS WOULD NEED TO BE IN THIS SYSTEM. I yell that because there are a couple that are not in the system just yet that really need to be a part of this process. There will certainly be more to follow during and after D-TRAIN.

Individual reports by Division:

Division 1: No report submitted from the SO-CM for both February and March

Division 3:

Following is my Division 3 communications report:

I have received a report from the Flotilla 33 communications officer. National is planning a joint Field Day operation exercise in June for anyone interested in participating. This is a twenty-four hour exercise based on setting up temporary or emergency communications facilities on either battery, solar, or any other source of power, and is generally conducted on the HF and VHF bands by the amateur radio community. This year's plan is to combine Auxiliary and amateur activities. If anyone is interested, contact me. Details are still in the planning stage. We are making very slow progress with getting the new Mt Diablo repeater system up and running. We have been plagued with poor (new) equipment and interference problems on our new assigned frequencies. The site is operating on temporary equipment on the repeater frequency, but without the channel 83 link yet. The net is held every Monday eve at 2000 local time. Contact me for frequencies. Chris Lay is still looking for volunteers for Sacramento Radio one. We hope to have the new additional radio in operation in a couple months pending the installation of another antenna.

Division 4: The following report was sent in February and no report has been submitted in March:

1. Forwarded District Notice on pending updates of AUXCOM et al to Division FSO-CMs and FCs.
2. Two Division 4 members attended D11N PCA Fair Communications RDF workshop on 18 February. Report back was that this was a valuable and well taught class.
3. Contact was made with two local State of California registered Incident Commanders to develop possible involvement of Auxiliary Land Mobile facilities in future multi-agency drills.
 - September 6 – NASA/Moffett Field
 - November 6 – Earthquake Exercise, Mass Casualty Incident
4. Reviewed -cover to cover --current Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual.
5. Organized and Instructed along with other 2006 ISAR Team members a course at PCA training fair. A 20 question written communications evaluation test based on Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual and USCG Seamanship Manual was given and reviewed as part of student participation in 2007 SAR competitions.

Next Period Activities:

1. Complete Audit of Division CM facilities, equipment, and members.
2. Organize 1st Division CM Drill of 2007
3. Attend DTRAIN ARMS/AIMS Communications Workshop
4. Forward notes on operations drill opportunities meetings noted above to DSO-CM.

Challenges/Needs:

1. District guidelines for conducting Division Communications drill.

2. Copy of existing District MOU's for Auxiliary Operations with land, surface, fixed, & air facilities.
3. Only two FSO-CM officers exist in the Division.
4. Apprehension concerning what radio equipment to purchase that won't be disqualified on January 1, 2008 and that, which will be allowed. E.G. Can a list of NTIA compliant radios be supplied?

Division 5: The following report was submitted in February. Nothing during the submitted during the month of March:

Flotilla Commanders: Please provide me with the Name, Phone Number, and email address of your FSO-CM.

Flotilla Comms reports:

Flotilla 55 (Herb Hoeser) – CM attended the Comm. Workshop at the Capt. Fail at CG Island. Workshop was about hand held Direction Finding equipment. Very informative. Bodega Bay Fire Department has produced a letter giving Herb Hoeser and Tom Maxon permission to install the fire department's working frequencies on their radios, to be available in case of emergency and have a channel of communications between the Fire Dept. and the Coast Guard. They will install the frequencies in the near future.

Flotilla 51 (Dan Tinney) – One Mobile Communications Facility Inspected. Was denied by DIRAUX, Wrong type of Radio.

One Mobile Communications Facility Inspected. Waiting for approval.

One new Marine Radio purchased for Mobile Facility to be inspected for present Facility.

No FSO-CM reports have been received from other flotillas. I have received no information from the Flotilla Commanders regarding their FSO-CMs.

Division 6: The following report has been submitted from a FSO-CM. No report from the SO-CM or any other Flotilla's in the Division:

New Power Supply Planned for Santa Cruz Tower

We are continuing to have reliability problems with our battery system in the tower. In an attempt to make the tower operational while we sort out the battery problems, we have acquired a new 20-amp power supply. Once installed, this will allow us to operate in the tower for our routine training and patrol operations. I am currently in a time crunch to get my CG captain's license, but hope to have time soon to assemble a team to install the power supply and then start working on battery issues. I am hoping to be ready for operations when salmon season opens and Dave starts up patrols aboard 261616. Authorization to Use Hand-Held Radios Clarified At the last flotilla meeting, I went over the current policy on using hand-held radios as an approved operational radio facility. I clarified that they can be accepted under certain conditions, but I also reviewed the reasons why they are not an ideal communications tool as compared to a type-accepted 25-watt marine radio. We also spent a few minutes discussing the Icom F121 radio. New AuxComm Candidates On Sunday February 25th, Peter Kyryl and Ray Burch administered the final AuxComm exam for three new AuxComm candidates. We should have results shortly. On a side note, Ray Burch was injured in a fall recently. I talked to his daughter on Tuesday and I understand he is doing OK, but I have no further information. We wish him well. Plans for 2007 (unchanged from February report).

1 - Publish an AuxComm handbook for Flotilla 6-7. We have large amounts of information about local services that we need to get into the hands of our AuxComm operators.

2 - Plan and execute a Santa Cruz Tower Workday. Although we have a brand new VHF radio and a brand new 6 dB antenna, our Tower station is not operational due to a battery failure. We

are discussing various plans to upgrade the battery and battery charger system. Also pending are an electrical upgrade and some furniture replacements.

3 - Facilitate the activation of more AuxComm stations. We have several qualified operators who do not have radios in their cars or homes. We need to provide information and support to these members to encourage them to get more involved.

4 - Implement a weekly Flotilla 6-7 radio net for training purposes.

5 - Work with the District and Division to get connected to the wider Auxiliary net.

Division 7: No Report Submitted

Division 8: No report submitted

Division 10: No report submitted

Division 11: No Report submitted

Division 12: No Report submitted

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 now activating all POMS related Mobile missions. This will help in the reporting of all missions in this reporting as well and the active District spread sheet that has been created. All SO-CM and FSO-CM should encourage each and every mobile to get involved with some kind of patrol with in their own Division to get familiar with there 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.

Eric Hebert, DSO-CS

) I am pleased to report that the migration of all district web services has been completed.

Unfortunately during this migration we lost the use of the old web address of uscgaux-d11nr.org earlier then we had hoped. There was a delay in getting the Auxiliary national web site to direct to our new domain and that is now fixed. A directive was sent out to all unit webmasters to correct their links to our new address.

2) Current usage indicates we are averaging less than 3% of our allotted bandwidth and less than 4 ½% of our allotted disk storage space. We have started to systematically bring on board unit websites to the district server. To this date we have Division 1 and Flotilla 31 on board.

3) I am honored to be presenting at this years District Training Conference in Modesto. I will be accompanied by Desmond Thorsson, our new Assistant District Communication Services Officer for Research and Development. We will present information I received during the Auxiliary National Training Conference in January and demonstrate a new website we are developing called AUXSPACE. The latter is a Content Management System (CMS) based website designed to provide the capability for content management to be greatly expanded, as well as to provide user provided content.

4) We are moving along as a prototype for a proposed replacement for the AIRS hosting with national. In addition to us, the national Public Affairs department and District 8 Coastal

Region are also participating in this study. It will be our membership that will benefit as we build new capabilities to provide communication services and develop a "Culture of Communication!"

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP

Rodger N. Bolles, our highly regarded DSO-LP of several years, has been lured away from legal office duties by the siren song of retirement activities unburdened by even the threat of a last minute or late night call for Auxiliary legal advice. He served us well and we miss him, while at the same time we will endeavor to uphold the standards he set for service to the Commodore, the District Board and the members of District 11N. The good news is that he intends to remain in the Auxiliary.

We've added a new member to our legal staff to help fill the void. The Commodore has appointed Joanna Leighton Nevesny, Flotilla 17, as an ADSO-LP. She will be a valuable addition to your Legal Team.

Bruce Nicolai, DSO-MA

Store finance report to DSO-FN. open. Revising / simplifying report to be less time consuming.

Just received the AUXCenter catalog for 2007 and printed out. There are new items available (unfortunately no time to order samples for the Conference). Have not had a chance to compare to last years for any price changes....

Continued lack of access the "web store" for price updating and item changes. Have received up grade to Quick Books, loaded and working on new items addition. Working on price scanner for sales and inventory control.

New "store" location on Coast Guard Island. Have most office furniture at site. A few items remaining to be delivered, and organization of cage to be completed. Unable to gain access this week to start layout of store. We have located a trailer, 16 foot, for the store usage. Looking for a place for storage.

Continue to process members requests. Processed all checks and receipts for bank deposit. Continue re-organizing storage of materials. Continue price upgrading as changes come in. Have some 40 items to be added to web.

Have ordered samples of Flotilla and Division Procedures guides and office supplies for D train. Have over 200 hours in preparation for this conference. Includes pricing of items, ordering and reordering stock for store, researching new items, boxing and preparation of materials for transport, receipt and delivery of special orders. Inventoried all items to be taken to Conference.

Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS

There is a Sea Partners/America's Waterway Watch Train the Trainer in Chicago April 28-30. Any interested please contact me ASAP.

Jerry Bynum and I met with Vivian Matuk and Sector IMD personnel this month to plan this year's Dockwalker program. We are looking for locations throughout California for this training in the June timeframe. Jerry and Vivian will be presenting an abbreviated Dockwalker orientation

in the Marine Safety session tomorrow afternoon, and Jerry will provide an overview of incident management activities, including contingency planning and response, pollution investigation and response, marine environmental education and outreach, and the Trident Program.

Domestic Vessel Inspections

We have 11 qualified commercial fishing vessel examiners in the district. Several may have lost their quals due to insufficient activity, and I ask that the DCPs and SOs-MS contact these folks to ensure they do not slip through the cracks.

We have developed a new program for Uninspected Passenger Vessels which should be implemented by May, 2007. The Auxiliary would be primarily responsible for implementation of this program. We will be asking everyone to assist us in identifying 6 pack operators and marketing this new program.

The Uninspected Towing Vessel program has now been cleared for us and I will be looking for those interested in this area to help us build a dynamic program.

Bob Lund continues to assist the Domestic Inspections Division at Building 14 with high level mechanical engineering issues on essentially a full time basis. In the past month, he was instrumental in assessing the failure of a 36,000 HP Steam Turbine in the Cape Mohican, a 38,410 ton, 725 ft MARAD Vessel. He visited the vessel several times, assessing the extent of the problem and assisting in the issuance of a No SAIL 835 being issued by the OCMI. Since then he has been checking the vessel regularly and assessing the progress of required repairs.

Liferaft inspection is still an important program which we will be reactivating in April.

The Ferry Vessel Audit Program

We had the first FVA class--25 attended. We are having another at 1100 tomorrow in the Marine Safety session, and another in August at the PCA Fair. This training is required each year to maintain the qualification. We are having a completely guided walkthrough of a Baylink ferry on Monday, April 9th at 1000 hour in Vallejo. It will be guided by our CG contact--CWO Trent Phillips. Out of the 25 who attended the class, we will have 16 attending the walkthrough.

Port Safety and Security

Neil Nevesny and I met with Chief Busby to discuss Auxiliary participation in the Facilities Branch. The key issues appear to be training and having Auxiliarists be participating and helpful. We are also aware of an MDA Inspector program in D11S which involves training and qualification as a Harbor Safety Officer, among other things. Based on this, we will be launching a Harbor Safety Officer training program which will be available to Auxiliarists District-wide as well as the first step for anyone participating in Facilities or Containers.

Several Auxiliarists have expressed interest in and are participating in the Container Branch.

Investigations

Workload is light and we are down to one individuals assisting with Investigations administration work.

Regional Examination Center

We met with representatives of the National Maritime Center and they have adopted our job aids for national use and training in this area. Mike Nolan has been active in the REC and traveled to Utah to assist in setting up a remote location there. The Sacramento location is essentially online at this time, and we are working on locations in Carson City and several other places.

Pacific Strike Team

Richard Celia continues to serve as Officer of the Day/Auxiliary Watchstander at the PST every Friday, aggregating some 60 hours in the last two months. Ray Van Cleave is also breaking in to work every other Tuesday there.

New Trident

Jerry Bynum has completed the requirements for his Trident and is preparing his application.

Occupational Medical Surveillance and Evaluation Program (OMSEP)

This program is designed to monitor members' health in connection with certain potentially hazardous activities in the Marine Safety area such as exposure to hazardous substances. Auxiliarists who are potentially eligible for enrollment in the Coast Guard's OMSEP program, i.e., those who are actively engaged in certain Marine Safety and Environmental Protection programs for at least 30 days per year—have been asked to express their interest in being enrolled, and arrange for a “baseline” physical examination.

Other Initiatives

Steve Salmon continues to meet weekly with the Prevention Department's Executive Steering Committee. We are currently soliciting Auxiliarists of the Quarter for their contributions to the Sector programs. I attended all hands meetings with RADM Breckenridge a few weeks ago, and another last Friday. We plan to use these meetings to focus our efforts and conduct training.

We will be developing a single procedure for issuance of blanket or pocket orders – nonreimbursable and reimbursable – for use in connection with our activities. The system will streamline the process and ensure that both trainees and qualified Auxiliarists are protected when on duty. The approval process will ensure that the Auxiliarist has been requested to perform the activity and that the Sector Personnel responsible for the funding are informed and committed to the reimbursement of the individual.

We continue to look for opportunities to assist in the Command Center and to provide our members with opportunities to seek the Marine Safety Watchstander Qualification.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

D11N Operations Workshop:

The 2007 D11N Mandatory Operations and TCT Refresher course will be offered Sunday morning, immediately after the Past Captain's breakfast, at DTRAIN. The workshop is on a CD and has been sent to every member of the District Board and every Flotilla Commander. The presenters of the workshop, at the Flotilla level, must be operational, familiar with the material and able to answer any questions that come up from those receiving the workshop. Be certain

that each person signs a Workshop Attendance sheet and those names are entered into AUXDATA by the IS Officer. The IS Officer will need to make two entries into AUXDATA, one for the TCT Refresher and one for the Operations.

DSAR:

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!!!

District Board please advise if you have a team at the District Board and Staff meeting at DTRAIN. This is not a “drop dead” date but will give us an idea of what to expect for order requests for the upcoming District Search and Rescue (DSAR) event.

Link to ISAR 2007 information:

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

Link to the ISAR rules.

http://www.ccg-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”

When are your facilities, workshops and other currencies due? Some items are annual; some are on their anniversary date.

Surface Facilities Inspection Cycle:

Inspection expires 12 months after the acceptance, by DIRAUX, of the facility. Inspections are done by a qualified Vessel Examiner

Land Mobiles and Fixed Land:

Inspection expires every three years from the date of acceptance by DIRAUX. Only a flotilla, division, district, or National communications Staff officer who has successfully completed the requisite AUX communications inspection qualification (AUXCOM or replacement course) may conduct an inspection.

Three Year Currency Maintenance (Boat): Expires Dec 31st of the year due. This Requal is done by a QE.

Team Coordination Training:

Annual required TCT Refresher Course that is done for four years and the fifth year the eight hour course is again required. TCT, both annual and five year expire Dec 31st of the due year.

NAV Rules: Currently taken every five years and expire Dec 31 of the fifth year. This may be changed to expire on the date you took the test five years later (Anniversary Date). The change has not taken place yet and you will be advised when it does.

Incident Command System (ICS) Requirements:

Once taken the test is permanent. Please read the below for additional information.

Many phone calls have been received relating to the latest (March 03/07) ALAUX that referred to the February ALAUX. Below is a portion of the FEB edition, of the ALAUX, in case you have discarded it.

To: ALAUX

From: CHDIRAUX

Subj: Clarification of Incident Command System (ICS) Requirements for USCG Auxiliary Members -002/07

1. USCG Auxiliary members have shown exceptional adaptability and "can do" spirit in complying with the USCG/NIMS requirements for completion of ICS coursework. The purpose of this ALAUX is to provide further clarification on the ICS requirements for auxiliary forces.
2. Members who provide operational support to the Coast Guard (participants in the surface operations, air operations, operations planning, CMDCEN/OPCEN/Comms watchstanding, fixed/mobile radio facility operators and port security or marine safety programs) and Auxiliary leaders (unit leaders and staff officers in operations, telecommunications, aviation or marine safety) should have completed the ICS 100 and 700 courses by 30 JUN 06.
3. Members in higher leadership positions (Division Captain, Vice Captain and Division Staff Officers as outlined above) or single resource leaders (Auxiliary coxswains, pilots, any member qualifying in the trident program or any other team/task force leader) should have completed ICS 200 and 800 by 30 SEP 06.
4. Other members identified by a CG unit commander as a critical resource in incident response should complete coursework as their situation dictates.
5. If the member has not completed the required coursework, they should not participate in any Coast Guard exercise, drill or response event. Members seeking to qualify in an operational program must complete courses appropriate to the position prior to certification by DIRAUX.
6. Members must be fully compliant with the requirements listed above by 31 DEC 07. Failure to complete the requisite coursework by this date will preclude their participation in the program for which the coursework was required. Operational members who are not compliant with coursework requirements will be placed in "REYR" and will not be issued patrol orders. Eligibility for elected or staff officer positions will require completion of ICS coursework as described above.

7. ICS-210, Initial Incident Commander, is a classroom course designed for single resource leaders and type 5/type 4 incident commanders. This 4 hour classroom course will be required for Auxiliary coxswains, pilots, any member qualifying in the trident program or any other team/task force leader. Given the limited access to this course, no date for completion has been determined. Single resource leaders are highly encouraged to take ICS 210 if the opportunity is available.

8. USCG Auxiliary members are valued members of response operations. The Auxiliary operational support and leadership components must be ready to respond as needed to an incident and this training is vital to achieving operational readiness.

Edward Sweeney, DSO-PA

- All units should have received their postcard flyer from the National Safe Boating Council by now. In some cases where a PA officer had not been appointed by 1 JAN, the card was sent to the FC. Please pass on to the appropriate person (PA Officer or NSBW Chair) for your flotilla
- In my National staff job, I prepared a detailed document called Second Quarter Game Plan. I encourage all to view this document AT www.auxadept.org/documents/2Q07_Plan_for_PAOs.pdf. This document will not only give you several tips to have a successful NSBW, but hopefully will also give you plenty of ideas for PA activities for the balance of the second quarter of 2007.
- The PA/PB and Photo Contest Rules have been announced - see <http://www.auxadept.org/contest/2007-PA-Contest.pdf>. Please note that the deadline to submit entries is 31 JULY 07. The winners will be announced at NACON in Portland OR on 1 SEP 07.
- There are still opportunities to attend the AUX-12 class (Public Affairs C School). See <http://www.auxpa.org/aux12/>. Remaining classes for this fiscal year will be held 22-24 JUN in Alameda (CGI), and 13-15 JUL at Portsmouth VA. We also offer a number of online courses at <http://www.auxadept.org/training/courses.htm>.
- The Wal-Mart/Kellogg's Life jacket campaign is off to a slow start, but appears to be picking up steam. Kudos to Chuck Atchison, SO-PA 4, for hosting a successful PA event at a local Wal-mart down in the South Bay. A reminder - there will be a release of snack products in June with a boating safety message on them as well. I encourage units to work with their local Wal-mart management to schedule for PA Exhibits NOW to promote our summer PE classes, VSCs, and of course, joining the Auxiliary!
- I have received several requests for the Auxiliary to conduct training to local and state agencies, including the CA Department of Fish and Game, and the Sacramento City Fire Department. I am working with Mr.. Frost, as well as the DSO-OP, DSO-PE, and DSO-LP to arrange for some type of training in the near future.

Delbert McEwen, DSO-PB

The schedule for the next issue of the Northwind is to the post office about the middle of April. To make this schedule all articles should be in my hands no later than 10 April. This will allow time to report the information learned at D-Train and also N-Train.

The Diraux office is requested to supply a listing of awards for members that are awarded by their office.

Michael Ungersma, DSO-PE

Spring classes are in full swing at this time. Have been encouraging all members to attend DTRAIN, and hoping for a good turnout

REPORTS FROM DIVISIONS

DIVISION 1

Sue Fry reports: The following reports were received from Division 1 FSO-PE's

- Flotilla 12 This Flotilla is organizing a BSS class to begin in April. It will be held at the Cruising Club in Sausalito.
- Flotilla 14 The BSS class has 15 continuing students completing Chapter 3 this week. The class is held at Loch Lomond Yacht Club.
- Flotilla 15 The BSS class has 19 continuing students ready for the mid-course test this week. The classes are held at So. San Francisco Adult School in San Bruno.
- Flotilla 17 The ACN class continues with 10 students. They are completing the Cruise portion of the course this week, with the Final Exam to be held next Monday. Classes including How to Read a Nautical Chart and the GPS for Mariners will be presented in April and May respectively. Fall classes will be scheduled soon.
- Flotilla 19 The PE program is inactive at this time.

There are an unknown number of Instructors that will attend D Train on 31 March. For those that do not attend, an Instructors Workshop will be presented.

DIVISION 4

Jerry McAlwee reports:

Activities:

1. Received updates on new scheduled PE classes.
 - a. Flotilla 48 will start a new BS&S course on April 19.
 - b. Flotilla 41's BS&S class completed
 - c. Flotilla 49 will hold an ABC course in April – location TBD.
2. Committed plan to attend DTRAIN and PE Workshop
3. Prepared course material vouchers as part of Science Fair Awards from Flotilla 49.
 - a. Award Ceremony on April 1 @ Great America – use opportunity to promote PE classes in DIV 4.
4. Coordinating with SO-VE and SO-PA for joint PA, VE, and PE promotion event on April 14 @ Anderson Lake.

Next Period Activities:

1. Participate in ABC class as instructor.
2. Identify IT Trainees in Division and search out Mentors
3. Support joint PA, VE, and PE event at Anderson Lake.
4. Attend DTRAIN PE Workshop.
5. Communicate Workshop highlights to Division ITs and Trainees.

DIVISION 5 Mike Ungersma reports:

REPORTS FROM FLOTILLAS

FLOTILLA 51:

Mike Ungersma reports: Graduated two students from How to read a Nautical Chart and GPS for Mariners on Sat March 3rd. The ABC course will be taught April 14.

FLOTILLA 55:

Shirl Maxson reports: 19 students are enrolled for our Sat. 31 Mar. ABC class in Santa Announcements or our 28 Apr ABC class will go out the first week of April.

FLOTILLA 57: Barry Campbell reports:

Summary: 60 PE students graduated so far this year. These Wednesday evening classes are now repeated starting March 28 – May 23; followed by a Saturday July 14th all day ABC class.

March 03 (Saturday) Boating Safety VII (On-the-Water Training Pittsburg Yacht Club, 0900-1230. graduated 5 students, from 10 registered.

Future scheduled Wednesday night (1930-2130) classes :

March 28 – April 18 Boating Safely I, ABC class, 4 weeks

May 02 – May 09 Boating Safety II (GPS) 2 weeks

May 16- May 23 Boating Safety III (NAV) 2 weeks, Navigation Fundamentals

May 12 (Saturday) Boating Safety VII (On-the-Water Training). Pittsburg Yacht Club, two sessions 0900-1230 and 1230-1500

Summer One Day Classes :

July 14 (Saturday) Boating Safety, ABC class , location tentatively PYC.

July 28 (Saturday) Boating Safety VII (On-the-Water Training). Pitts

DIVISION 12: Roger Haynes reports:

Courses underway or just completed:

Flotillas 12-02 and 12-91 have just completed BS&S classes.

Flotillas 12-02 and 12-91 are a couple weeks away from completing ACN.

Youth classes at Bay Area schools by Flotilla 12-91.

Classes planned for near future:

Let's go Sailing will be promoted at the boat show, contact Nancy Schimmelman Flotilla 12-02.

BS&S starts April 16, contact Arnold Corbett of 12-21

ABC one day course scheduled for May 19, contact Bob Coackley Flotilla 12-91

GPS one evening class June 5, contact Bob Coackley Flotilla 12-91

YOUTH class will be held on the Cutter Morgenthau in Alameda April 21, contact Brigitte Nicolai Flotilla 12-91

Richard Thomas, DSO-PS

March is a month that was utilized mostly preparing from D-Train. I have been in contact with several personnel regarding different issues. I have made presentations to the Middletown Luncheon club which produced two new members, speaker at Calistoga Rotary Club and have

six confirmed guest speaker appointments in May in the Eureka area with Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary Clubs with 3 other tentative presentations.

As part of the D-Train presentation I have included some survey information that I hope will produce some feed back for District wide flotillas and as a result provide input that everyone may gain from.

The most work was done in February with the February report providing the goals and general work ahead of us and will move forward when I get the feed back requested from the flotillas.

There were 26 national inquires during March and 1 disenrollment. No further activity.

Dean LaChapelle, DSO-PV

The RBSVP activity for the month of March and the total activity so far this year are as follows:

<u>D-11NR</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Years</u>
<u>Division</u>	<u>Visits</u>	<u>Total</u>
01	02	11
03	01	08
04	02	05
05		03
06		02
07		00
08	02	05
10	01	19
11	01	11
12		00
<u>Total</u>	09	54

I will be presenting an RBSVP workshop at a training day for Division 11 at North Lake Tahoe Saturday April 28.

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE

- YTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 302* PYTD DISTRICT VSC COUNT: 429*

We are **4%** of the District goal of 7,350 VSC's and **70%** of 2006 production.

Stats from AUXINFO* indicate that 104 or 24% of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition 131 or 31 % are High Risk VSC's.

*As shown in AUXINFO thru February 2007.

DIVISION STAFF OFFICER ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM: February 2007

-DIVISION 1-SF BAY (Richard A. Saber SO-VE1)

Flotilla 1-2 reports 38 VSC's and 45 VSC's YTD and reports 16 VSC's at Corinthian Y.C. on 2/10. Flotilla 1-4 reports 11 VSC's. Flotilla 1-5 reports 1 VSC and 2 facility inspections and qualified 1 new examiner. Flotilla 1-7 also reports 1 VSC. No VSC activity reported from Flotilla 1-9. The SF Boat Show yielded 67 VSC request, most from out of the area. Requests have been forwarded to the appropriate DCP for follow-up.

-DIVISION 3-SACRAMENTO (Robert Albain SO-VE3)

Flotilla 3-1 reports 5 misc. VSC's to date. Flotilla 3-3 reports 1 misc. VSC for the month. Stations are planned at Folsom Lake starting March 11th. In addition stations are planned at Granite Bay April 14th, 28th, and 29th from 0800 to 1100. Flotilla 3-5 has no VSC activity to report. Stations are planned for March 24th at Sacramento Marina and April 28th at Miller Park. Flotilla 3-9 report 4 misc. VSC's. NO REPORT SUBMITTED from FLOTILLA 3-10.

-DIVISION 4-SOUTH BAY (Joaquin P. Duran SO-VE4)

Flotilla 4-6 reports 7 VSC's and 2 facility inspections. Flotilla 4-8 reports 2 VSC's and 1 facility inspection. Flotilla 4-9 reports 13 VSC's and 2 facility inspections. Mark Mushet FC 4-9 has been re-certified as a VE and MDV.

-DIVISION 5-WEST DELTA (Robert Smith SO-VE5) NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

-DIVISION 6-CENTRAL COAST (Stan Wolfberg SO-VE6)

Flotilla 6-1 reports no VSC activity. NO REPORT SUBMITTED from Flotilla 6-4. Flotilla 6-7 reports 3 VSC's and 1 facility inspection. Flotilla 6-10 reports 1 misc. VSC and 3 CFVE's.

-DIVISION 7-UTAH (Riley Turpin SO-VE7)

Flotilla 7-2 reports 2 misc. VSC's and also reports a new examiner-Jerry Mosteller! NO REPORT SUBMITTED from Flotilla's 7-3, 7-6 and 7-8. Still wintertime...

-DIVISION 8-NORTH COAST (Douglas Pohlson SO-VE8)

Division staff organizational meeting was held on February 3, 2007. Supplied 15 VSC decals to a flotilla until they receive their supply. We have 3 very strong flotilla VSC programs in the Division. One flotilla is going to be helped by another and the VCP for NSBW. NSBW plans are just about complete. Flotilla 8-7 will man Noyo Harbor and one station on Lake Mendocino. Flotilla 8-8 will man several ramps at Clear Lake. Flotilla 8-11 Crescent City will man boat ramp and docks. Also additional help will be provided to Flotilla 8-6.

-DIVISION 10-SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY (Phil Grove SO-VE10)

Flotilla 10-02 reports 26 misc. VSC's performed throughout the Delta area. Weather permitting; several stations are planned-March 3rd at N/S Camanche, March 10th at S/S Camanche and March 17th at Don Pedro. Flotilla 10-03 reports no VSC's performed in February. April 14th a VE/PA booth will be at the Stockton Sailing Club for the "Blessing of the Fleet". Working on a connection with Hogan Reservoir. NO REPORT SUBMITTED from FLOTILLA 10-04 and 10-05. Flotilla 10-6 reports 17 misc. VSC's performed and 1 facility inspected. The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) are planning to help with the traffic on the launch ramps on the upcoming holiday weekends.

-DIVISION 11-LAKE TAHOE/NEVADA (Ray Ellen Wise SO-VE11)

Flotilla 11-01 is working on scheduling of VSC days and workshop. SO-MT has invited Mike Lauro to present the annual VE/PV workshop for April 28th, which is the only opening in Mike's busy schedule. Continuing to gather information on shorts and polo shirts in order to present to our group at our regular March Flotilla Meeting. District store is closed down and Angelo may be providing some inventory numbers on shirts. Continuing to plan our VSC/PE with Tahoe Yacht Club on June 2nd and 3rd. Completed article for Block and Tackle magazine-"Is it luck or can we increase chance for survival". Will be presenting it to FC for approval before submittal. Need to complete announcement for boating safety class and courtesy vessel checks for the Yacht Club for March 9th deadline. Flotilla 11-03 conducted 3 VSC's and 1 facility inspection, NO REPORT SUBMITTED from Flotilla 11-04. Flotilla 11-05 currently has 3 qualified VE's with more to qualify

this year. I would like to extend an invitation to have all flotillas' interested people to attend our Qualifying Workshop. We are attempting to make an event with a lunch, etc.

-DIVISION 12-FREMONT (Marty Crowningshield SO-VE12) NO REPORT SUBMITTED

-DISTRICT/ NATIONAL NEWS

District News

10 students from throughout the bay-area attended the Vessel Examiner class at the PCA Fair over the weekend of February 17th-18th and ALL passed the written portion of the test. Thanks to everyone for helping support our growth goal of 300 examiners in D11NR.

SO-VE's will be given up to \$150 by the Director's office to attend the Vessel Examiner Workshop at D/Train in Modesto. ORIGINAL receipts will be required. I look forward to seeing everyone there. If you haven't, PLEASE change my email from sumfun@lodinet.com to sumfun@juno.com.

National News

Please pass the word that 9 60th anniversary VSC decals are tentatively allocated to D11NR by late spring. These are **EXPRESSLY** to be issued to a boater where the Auxiliary can benefit from some publicity. Please think about a VIP in your area that you may want present one and receive some special PA benefit. In order to receive one, you will need to request it from me along with all the details. More information will available at D/Train.

Please share this report with your FSO-VE's and local examiners. As always, if I can be of ANY assistance to any DCP or SO-VE, I hope there will be no hesitation to contact me. Working together we can once again make D11NR one of the top VSC performers nationwide for 2007!

Irene Wetzel, CRC/DA

District Diversity Advisor

- Division and Flotilla Diversity appointments: Ron Smith, Robert Liu, Charlie Duncan, Eric Hebert, Bob Davison, Dan Weggeland, Mark Mushet, August (Chito) Atienza, Jimmin Chang, Joaquin Duran, Steve Perez, Claudia Kenworthy, and Linda Haynes.
- A due date of June 1, 2007 for NACO 3 STAR for Excellence in Diversity Award 2006 applications, has been listed on the D11NR Calendar <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/calendar/>. A link to the application information sheet has been provided. 2007 applications may be submitted anytime during 2007, due June 1, 2008.

Civil Rights Coordinator

- As part of Civil Rights Coordinator availability responsibility, my picture is to appear on reports and other documents. The AUX CRC is available for counsel to all members.
- Sexual Harassment Prevention (SHP) Training is an annual requirement for flotillas. AUXDATA has listed 76 members reported for 2007 to date, as attending SHP Training. Flotilla 46 has reported 13 attendees; all other flotillas are 5 or less attendees. As multiple flotilla SHP Training have been informally reported, it appears the reporting process needs clarification.

- Use ANSC 2039 for reporting to the FSO-IS. Mark the box Sexual Harassment Prevention on Workshop attendance sheet, listing attendees. Other workshop topics include Civil Rights and Ethnic Diversity. Both are valuable, but do not meet the requirement for SHP Training. SHP Training materials are available from Mitchel Hempstead, AUX Affairs, Mitchel.B.Hempstead@uscg.mil
- D-TRAIN Civil Rights session will include a round table discussion with Richard Lagesse, D11 CRO, Mitchel Hempstead, AUX Affairs, and Irene Wetzel, AUX CRC. We are looking forward to a candid discussion of Civil Rights issues in the Auxiliary and value attendee input.