

MINUTES
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
15 November 2008
Coast Guard Island, Alameda

The meeting was called to order at 1030 by DCO Victor Connell. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mark McLaughlin, VCP-6.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Connell called for approval of the 20 September 2008 minutes.

Motion: Rod Collins, DCP-6 moved and Robert Hendry, DCP-1 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

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DCO REPORT TO THE BOARD:

DCO Connell stated that this is his last meeting as DCO. He thanked his fellow members for their cooperation especially in solving problem issues. Connell noted some accomplishments:

Growth: We are growing but still need to work on retention.

Website: There has been a huge increase of visits.

Publication: Credited George Knies, DSO-PB with his work on changing to an electronic publication. Information is getting out faster.

District store: It has a new storage space, new inventory monitoring equipment, and a new management team.

Reorganization: We have successfully completed our Reorganization process. The new position of Auxiliary Sector Coordinator has improved communications with Sector, and as a result, more Auxiliarists are working with Sector more efficiently.

Member Training: Several member training opportunities have been offered, including Elected Officer Training, two PCA Fairs, District Conference Workshops, multiple OPTREXs and OPEXs throughout the year, and we have the highest percentage of members trained in ICS 210 of any Auxiliary District.

Navigation and Marine Safety: Our ATON and Chart Updating Programs won 4 out of 5 National Awards this year. Our Marine Safety missions have more Auxiliarists trained and active than ever before.

Auxiliary's Value to Sector: Sector has let us know we're doing a great job. Sector Commander Captain Gugg asked for an estimate on the monetary value of Auxiliary support from July through October 2008 and LTJG Jon Tschudy

calculated the value of the Auxiliary's services during this four-month period totaled over \$1.3 million.

Communications: Thanked Jeff Price, DSO-CM and his land mobile team for locating and alerting authorities to a hoax mayday perpetrator.

Auxdata: Being remodeled to become more user-friendly.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY:

The Marine Retailers Award for 2007, announced at NACON, was presented to Flotilla 5-2. Charlotte Converse, FC accepted the award.

The Pacific Yacht Association presented 2008 Opening Day Plaques to: Linda Vetter, Sue Fry, John Gordon, Rae Kleinen, and Bob Coackley. The plaques were accepted by their Division Captains.

The Lodi newspaper Sentinel had a photo of LeRoy Cross being honored for his work with the American Legion Post 22.

Flotilla 7-2 and Flotilla 6-1 received their 50th anniversary certificate which included 50th anniversary streamers and a letter from the National Comodore. It was accepted by Rod Collins, DCP-6 and Dick Hoelle, DCP-7.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Connell called for District Board reports as follows:

Robert Hendry, DCP-1 – Report on file (Attachment B). He has arranged for an ICS-210 class to be held on December 6. There is room for more students. A team of people from Divisions 1, 12 and 4 have completed the first phase in updating 570 records for Sector's ANT project. Roger Haynes, VCP-12 is now in charge of that effort.

Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3 – Report on file (Attachment B). Dean LaChapelle, VCP reported that both the Sacramento Fire Boat Crew and State Park Service have seen their training budget reduced. Last month the Classic Yacht Association gave a plaque to the California Military Museum, honoring WWII private wooden motor boats conscripted by the Coast Guard and used to patrol bays and waterways and rivers from San Diego to Puget sound. It was a great PA event for the Division.

Judy Esteban, DCP-4 – Report on file (Attachment B). Nothing to add.

Phil Sanchez, DCP-5 – Report on file (Attachment B). Sanchez thanked his Division members for all their support. He enjoyed working with the Board members and DCPs

Rodney Collins, DCP-6 – An ICS-210 class will be held tomorrow morning and their Change of Watch is also scheduled for tomorrow.

Dick Hoelle, DCP-7 – Report on file (Attachment B). The Division had its Change of Watch and ICS 210 class held on the same day.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8 – Report on file (Attachment B). Their Change of Watch will be held December 6. The Auxiliary now helps with the Fuel Recirculation (helicopter refueling) Depot on a regular basis, saving the Active Duty time and money.

Monica Eaton, DCP-10 – Flotilla 10-5 will participate in a Christmas parade, and Division members will be in the Veterans Day parade in Modesto. The Change of Watch will be held December 13.

Dee Dee Kincade, DCP-11 – Report on file (Attachment B). The Division has been partnering with Reno Weather Service, promoting new weathertime forecasting, and is now weather testing for lake conditions. Division 10 will do winter training with new recruits at the RWS. Both ICS-210 and the Change of Watch will be held on November 8.

Pat O'Leary, DCP-12 – Roger Haynes, VCP announced that 3 flotillas have had elections. The Change of Watch will be held on December 7.

Frances Fisher, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment B). The PCA will meet after the break.

Jimmin Chang, RCO-MS – Report on file (Attachment B). Chang noted the 13% response to his request for sharing information on diversity and praised Divisions 1, 6 and 11 for their efforts. He thanked the “Member Services” DSOs for their hard work, thanked everyone for their support during his time as RCO, and is looking forward to serving as FC next year. DCO Conell thanked Chang for all his contributions to the Auxiliary, especially when serving as translator.

Steve Salmon, RCO-OMS – Report on file (Attachment B). He noted that LTJG Jon Tschudy's report on calculating the Auxiliary's value to Sector SF included the Festival of Sail, Fleet Week, the Delta “Big Cat” operation, support to the ANT team, AWW, commercial fishing vessel exams, ferry vessel audits, facility and container inspections, the Pacific Strike Team, Contingency Planning, and Helo Ops. Salmon thanked Robert Hendry and Roger Haynes for coordinating support of the ATON team. He thanked Jim Duncan, Larry Olsen, Jeff Price, Gail Ramsey, and Nick Tarlson. Salmon enjoyed working with the Board. DCO Connell thanked Salmon for his outstanding job as Auxiliary Sector Coordinator; in addition to his RCO duties.

Angelo Perata, RCO-RBS – Report on file (Attachment B). Perata thanked members for stepping up and helping out with RBS efforts. New life jackets (also in child-friendly styles) will be available for upcoming boat shows and other PA events. DCO Connell saluted Perata for his contributions in promoting RBS and thanked him for his work.

COMO Eric Jacobsen, IPDCO – Excused.

Michael Williams, VCO – He is confirming District Staff Officers for 2009. Angelo Perata, District Chief of Staff has been assigned Division 7. Wayne Farnholtz, District Captain – Response is assigned to Divisions 3, 11, and 12. Robert Hendry, District Captain – RBS/Prevention is assigned to Divisions 5, 6, and 8. Rod Collins, District Captain – Support/Planning is assigned to Divisions 1, 4, and 10. Steve Salmon continues as Auxiliary Sector Coordinator.

Leadership training will occur on January 18. Williams' top priority is recruiting, training, and retention of members and FCs. He thanked DCO Connell and is looking forward to D-Train.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – Thanked Jimmin Chang and Steve Salmon for all their work in the Auxiliary and on the EXCOM board. He noted Chang's work as an interpreter at

the Pacific Coast Guard Forum and thanked Steve Salmon for his assistance during the Cosco Busan incident. DCO Connell has put a lot of time and effort into keeping the District moving forward.

BOSN2 Danny Kilburger, OTO – He has been consolidating DIRAUX Instructions and Policies into Standard Operating Procedures. Kilburger is also working on improving the DIRAUX information on the website.

Recess: 1130

Reconvene: 1235

DCO Connell thanked the 2008 EXCOM, Board members and DSOs and presented them with a thank-you gift.

Phil Sanchez, DCP-5, presented an overview of the 2009 D-Train Workshop Weekend.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS:

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

James Duncan, DSO-AN – Report on file (Attachment C). AN/CU-C School is available to any Division Commander, Flotilla, Division and District Staff Officers AN (NS). Details are in his report. Duncan asked DCPs to get their new SO list distributed to DSOs. Also waterway assignments are usually 90 percent completed. This year only 83 percent are completed. He is disappointed.

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – The Aviation unit continues to do well. They are flying 4 patrols per week. This weekend begins commercial crab season; 2 planes are working with 2 cutters reporting on concentrations of crab boats. Familiarization flights continue. Randy Parent, DFSO put on a safety workshop in September that was well attended.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file (Attachment C). The hoax mayday search was successfully completed 2 days before Fleet Week. The offender is the same person as in 2002. The Auxiliary is no longer officially involved.

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Report on file (Attachment C). She thanked DCO Connell for her appointment as webmaster this year, thanked the Board members and DSOs for their support of the website, and thanked her web team. Wetzel wants to support Flotilla and Division websites by creating templates that can be downloaded as needed. She asked DCPs to support her by helping Flotillas to find a webmaster. Wetzel will offer a web class at the PCA Fair and will help walk new webmasters through the process.

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file (Attachment C). We are doing audits and requesting materials from all of Division 3, all of Division 5, all of Division 12, and Flotilla 49.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Excused.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – Report on file (Attachment C). Nothing to add.

David Talton, DSO-MA – Report on file (Attachment C). Thanked Al Christle for all his work during a personal crisis. We are receiving orders from across the country. Business should pick

up nation-wide by the end of the year. Talton is negotiating terms with vendors for lower prices than retail on Navigational equipment.

Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS – Report on file (Attachment C). Tarlson would like to visit more Divisions to discuss member participation in Marine Safety missions. He wants to give a presentation at Division meetings.

COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT – The Auxiliary was asked to provide a Navigation Rules instructor for the Active Duty side. Maddox has a CD that Flotillas can use in their Navigation Rules class. Also the Aux SC&E class has errors in the Student Guide. Maddox now has 20 copies of corrected Student Study Guide, along with an Errata sheet.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file (Attachment C). Thanked all her ADSOs for all their work. Although a QE can be available for one candidate, it's more efficient to have multiple candidates available. Check your flotilla for all possible candidates before contacting Gail.

William Kinsey, DSO-PA – Report on file (Attachment C). He thanked Irene Wetzel for making it so easy to find information on the web site. Kinsey had a good year supporting Sector SF and thanked his ADSOs and SO PA officers. He thanked DCO Connell for appointing him but will not continue as DSO-PA.

George Knies, DSO-PB – Report on file (Attachment C).

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Report on file (Attachment C). He thanked ADSOs Tony Dymond and Brigetta Nicolai for their work. National is requesting suggestions for topics to be covered in the 2009 Instructor workshop. The recent Coast Guard ruling that a Stand-Up Paddleboard is now classified as a "vessel" will need to be explained in classes.

Richard Thomas, DSO-PS – Report on file (Attachment C).

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV – Absent.

Robin Stewart, DSO-SR – Nothing to report.

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file (Attachment C). He wants to regenerate the RBS road show by travelling to different Divisions on Saturdays to promote RBS. The initiative has to come from DCPs. Lauro is hoping to do this in the off season from November to March.

Neil Nevesny, CRC -- Report on file (Attachment C).

Mark Mushet, DDA – Absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Preliminary Budget. Frances Fisher, DSO-FN asked for the Board's approval to allocate \$10,000 for D-Train 2009. She noted that it is the same amount as budgeted in previous years.

DCO Connell asked for a motion to allocate the funds.

Motion: Fran Fisher, P-PCA moved and Phil Sanchez, DCP-5 seconded that \$10,000 be allocated as specified. There being no discussion, the motion carried.

- Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP requested assistance in creating a course catalog for the PCA Fair. It is one of our most successful events and continues to grow.
- Fran Fisher, P-PCA announced that the President for 2009 is Charlie Duncan and the Vice President is Dave Naumann.
- DCO Connell reminded Board members that the December Board Phone Conference is cancelled.

FINAL COMMENTS:

DCO Connell thanked everyone for all their work and support. The last 2 years have been a great opportunity, he really enjoyed it, and wished the best of luck to DCO(e) Mike Williams and the new Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1335.

NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board & Staff is Saturday 17 January 2009 at Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stewart, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A

ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 15 November 2008

DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Victor Connell	Judy Esteban, DCP-4
Mike Williams, VCO	Phil Sanchez, DCP-5
Jimmin Chang, RCO-MS	Rod Collins, DCP-6
Steve Salmon, RCO-OMS	Dick Hoelle, DCP-7
Angelo Perata, RCO-RBS	Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8
CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX	Monica Eaton, DCP-10
BOSN2 Danny Kilburger, OTO	Dee Dee Kincade, DCP-11
Robert Hendry, DCP-1	Roger Haynes, VCP-12
Dean LaChapelle, VCP-3	Frances Fisher, P-PCA

Excused: COMO Eric Jacobsen, IPDCO.

DISTRICT STAFF:

Jim Duncan, DSO-AN	COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT
Larry Olson, DSO-AV	COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP
Jeff Price, DSO-CM	Roger Haynes, DSO-PE
Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS	Richard Thomas, DSO-PS
Frances Fisher, DSO-FN	Robin Stewart, DSO-SR
Robert Firehock, DSO-LP	Michael Lauro, DSO-VE
David Talton, DSO-MA	Neil Nevesny, CRC
Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS	Linda Haynes, D-AD

Excused: COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS.

Absent: George Knies, DSO-PB, Philip Grove, DSO-PV.

GUESTS:

Anthony Dymond, ADSO-CS	Harry McBain, ADSO-PA
Curtis Han, ADSO-CS	Dave Naumann, SO-OP-4
Eric Hebert, ADSO-CS	Charles McCarty, FC-05-03
Joanna Nevesny, ADSO-LP	Marsha Sanchez, 05-05
Ronald Walker, ADSO-LP	Jim Blackburn, FC-05-07
Steven Johnson, ADSO-MA	Marlene Phifer, SO-PS-5
Dan Tinney, ADSO-MA	Linda McCarty, SO-SR-5
Anita Farnholtz, ADSO-OP	Denis Eaton, VCP-5
Bill Becker, ADSO-PA	Mark McLaughlin, VCP-6
Steve Dolgin, ADSO-PA	

ATTACHMENT B

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 15 November 2008

Robert Hendry, DCP-1

Elected Officer Elections

At our October 22 meeting, Mary Kirkwood was elected Division Commander and Simone Adair was elected as Vice Division Commander for 2009. They were unanimously elected.

ICS-210 Training

Jerry Bynum has agreed to teach the subject class for on Saturday, December 6. The class will be held in the Training Room, Building #2, Yerba Buena Island starting at 0800. Dress will be Tropical Blue Long or appropriate civilian clothing. Including time for lunch, the class will end no later than 1430. For the time being, I will be the POC for the class. 13 members are enrolled.

Participation in Aids to Navigation Team Project

Through November 5, 2008, we have made significant progress in the initial goal of updating the Aids to Navigation folders for ANT SF. Approximately 65% of the folders have now gone through a quality check which either completes the updating process or indicates any shortfall that needs correction. At the current rate, we should complete this phase by month end.

Further, a call to coxswains had gone out to assist in obtaining new photos of select Aids. Approximately 65% of the required photos have been taken and others are known to be in process. It is hoped that all required photos will be taken by the middle of this month. Photos in the Sacramento area were taken by Jim Duncan, photos in the San Joaquin and Stockton areas were taken by Roger Haynes, Rae Kleinen took photos in the Central SF Bay and Tom Maxson took photos in Bodega Bay. Remaining areas needing photos are Redwood Creek, South SF Bay, North SF Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait and the Petaluma River.

The next phase of the project is for ongoing assistance to ANT SF for aids administration. Roger Haynes has agreed to be the coordinator for this phase.

Call for Early Responders

At the request of Steve Salmon to all Divisions in the District, we have canvassed the members of Division One for volunteers to be included on an early responder emergency call out list for the District. To date, we have seven individuals responding affirmatively.

Members are busy with vessel exams, public education classes and other regular activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Hendry, DCP-1

Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3

Dean LaChapelle, VCP 3 11NR, will attend the District meeting in my place this month.

* Member Training: All of the Specialty Courses have been offered at least once this year. Kudos to John Albro, SO-MT for a job well done, and a thank you to all those who served as instructors.

* Public Education: Flotilla 35 began a 13 week BS&S class on 3 SEP 08 with 9 students, and concluded the class on WED 22 OCT, after week 8, due to lack of desire for the optional courses.

* Marine Safety: Several members from FL 35 remain active assisting the REC. Several members expressed interest in getting trained as forensic document examiners and as Assistant Pollution Investigators at the next available training.

* Vessel Examinations: Our SO-VE held several VSC stations along the Sacramento River and at local West Marine stores monthly.

* Operations: The Brannan Island OPTREX was held 24 – 26 October. Patrols continue to be impeded by a lack of OPFACs and water. We are still in talks with the Sacramento City Fire Department to conduct both classroom and on-the-water training for their personnel.

* Sacramento Radio One Dock Project: The proposal from DART offered to us for continued use of the facility is not favorable and we have discussed a counter proposal. I have asked the DSO-LP to review the existing proposal before we submit back a counterproposal to DART for consideration.

* Other: Division Elections were held 14 OCT 2008. The Division Commander elect is Dean LaChapelle and the Vice Division Commander elect is Cal Faulkner. The Division 3 Change of Watch will be 22 Nov 2008 at the Carmichael Elks Club. Please RSVP no later than 15 NOV 08 to Marilyn McBain if you plan to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne Sweeney
DCP 3 11NR

Judy Esteban, DCP-4

15 November 2008 is our next meeting

SO-IS – reports

- FL 41: 2-99 missions, 1 - VSC mission, 2 - Marine patrols.
- FL 43: 2-99 missions, 2 - Recruit assist missions, 2 - Marine patrols.
- FL 46: 2-99 missions, 4 - VSC missions, 2 - Marine patrols.
- FL 48: 2-99 missions, 2 - Interp missions, 1 - UMDV mission, 1 - MS mission, 2 - Public Affairs missions, 1 - Data entry mission.
- FL 49: 4-99 missions, 3 – MS missions, 2 - MT missions, 4 – VSC missions, 4 – MDV missions, 1 - Data Entry mission, 2 - PE missions, 2 - Ops Support missions and 21 - Radio Patrols.
- Flotilla commanders and FSO-IS should encourage members to submit missions ASAP. Some are still outstanding for this period.

General activities

- The September - October performance summary reports were distributed to the Division Board and Staff.
- SO-IS is currently entering missions for Flotillas 41, 43 and 46.
- DSO-IS (Marlyn McBain) has reviewed the Mission Detail Reports and noted some data entry problems. FSO-IS's are correcting.
- A new FSO-IS (Jeff Wilcox) has been assigned for Flotilla 46.
- A new FSO-IS will be needed for Flotilla 43 because Rob Malkin has resigned.

Future Activities

- SO-IS will monitor data entry into AUXDATA and correct errors (if any).
- SO-IS will work with Flotillas 43 and 46 to coordinate (and train if necessary) the new FSO-IS's.
- SO-IS has agreed to enter Flotilla 43 missions for the remainder of this year (coordinated by J. Gordon (FC)).

SO-VE

- Reminder, those of you who have either not completed your 5 VSCs for the year OR have not reported your data to AUXDATA, you may be at risk of losing your certification. There is still time to catch up.
- Last, when doing VSCs and granting a decal, please remember the decal has to be placed in an appropriate place in the boat "in your presence".

October meeting was cancelled. DCP was ill and DVC out of town. Some members did meet to talk about the canceled COW.

Due to poor return on COW, the event was canceled. In place of the COW Division 4 will be having a dinner meeting on 15 November. Awards will be given out and in coming officers will be sworn in.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy S Esteban
DCP 4 11NR

Phil Sanchez, DCP-5

Division Captain's Report November 2008

- Newly Elected Division Commander Ray Van Cleave & Vice Division Commander Curtis Hon were sworn in to their new office.
- The Division Flag committee has gotten several price proposals for the banner and we should have purchase vote in December. In the meantime, the prototype was emailed to Diraux for an opinion as to the points on the stars for possible interference of Flag Officers burgees. Diraux has forward it to Excom.
- Division 5 will be having a Holiday Christmas dinner in lieu of the regular December meeting on the same scheduled meeting night. This will be a potluck and all are welcome.
- Division 5 COW will be held at Jonsey's Steak House at the Napa Airport on January 11, 2009. Flyer will be available for the website in the middle of November.

- Members of the Division are still very active with wrapping up Aton inspections, MDV's & VE's, and some operations.
- I have attended Elections for FI 57 & 55 then on November 13th I will be attending FI 51 with the following week FI's 52 & 53 will have their elections.

Flotilla Commanders' reports

Flotilla 51

- Flotilla completed the PE course at Solano College. We will schedule next Spring's courses soon. Travis Air Force base has asked Napa Flotilla and FL51 to teach an ABS class next spring as well.
- Two facilities participated in fleet week.
- Vessel Exam's completed the inspection of boats at Chevron.
- Member Training: Mike and Denis are team teaching the AUXNAV course to Flotilla Members. This training is going well. Mr. Minkle secured a classroom for us.
- COW will be Dec 7th. It is a Sunday brunch. Non Flotilla members cost is \$20.
- A couple of members from 51 went to the retirement party for Ken Frost.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kristine Busse-Dohm
 Presented by Michael Dohm, VFC 51

Flotilla 52

Communication Services – Flotilla 52's website has been migrated from the national to the district server. The new website is: <http://flotilla52.d11nr.info>

Information Services – All member activity and mission forms were entered in AUXDATA.

Member Training – One member successfully passed the APC exam and ICS100 & 700 requirements. One member attended Flotilla 3-9 OPTREX in Brannan Island and completed QE session for initial coxswain qualification.

Public Education – Lt. Col. Meyer from Travis Air Force requested basic boating safety course made available to the Active, Reserve, and Civilians on the base. Two dates are set tentatively on Feb 25th (Wed) and Mar 7 (Sat).

Personnel Services – 14 active members in FL-52. 1 applicant is awaiting FAV determination from SECCEN. 1 member awaiting transfer approval from District.

Program Visitor – 15 PV's in the month of October

Secretary of Records – September meeting minutes on file.

Vessel Examinations – Total of 11 VSC's in the month of September, of which 9 was performed at Lake Berryessa.

Lake Berryessa RBS Task Force – Chuck McCarty, FC 53 will provide the end-of-year report.

Respectfully submitted,
 Curtis Han

Flotilla 53

Aids to Navigation - Nothing new to report

Communications - West Delta Net is back up after some equipment problems

Information Services - All data is entered and current

Materials - all orders current

Marine Safety - Nothing new to report

Member Training - Annual sexual harassment prevention training completed, one new crew member qualified and one coxswain re-qualified, two members continuing air crew training and two working on seamanship and weather courses

Operations - Two Berryessa patrols, three members crewed at Fleet Week, one facility out of commission. Operations report on Lake Berryessa patrols completed, to be distributed at Division meeting

Personnel Services - several prospective new members in the works

Program Visitor - 6 dealer visits recorded

Public Affairs - nothing new to report

Publications - working on new publication

Public Education - BS&S class underway with 6 students

Vessel Exams - Six new VEs reported

Lake Berryessa RBS Task Force – Report has been submitted and will be attached to these minutes – the report documents 6

Respectfully submitted,
Charles McCarty

Flotilla 55

I am sad to report that long-time Auxiliary member Stanley Cook crossed the bar on Friday, October 17, 2008. At the family's request, an informal memorial service was held at Coast Guard Station Bodega Bay aboard Coast Guard Cutter Sockeye. It was attended by family, flotilla members, and Station personnel.

Stanley held the AUXOP designation, and served numerous appointed and elected positions including Flotilla Commander. Most recently, he was Flotilla 55's IS Officer and Publications Officer. His River City Log was awarded the Division's Publication of the Year many times. Stanley was an inspiration to us all. He will be missed.

Aids to Navigation: PETALUMA RED NUN #2 WAS REPORTED OFF STATION TO STATION VALLEJO. LOCATED IN DREDGE SPOILS.

ALL PATONS ASSIGNED TO THE FLOTILLA HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

A REQUEST FOR ATON PICTURES HAS BEEN REC'D FROM THE RCO. TOM MAXSON HAS VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE IN BB. WIL SUMNER WILL BE ASKED TO PHOTOGRAPH THOSE IN PETALUMA RIVER AND SAN PABLO BAY.

Communications: ONE NEW COMS QUALIFIED MEMBER, GRETCHEN DIEKMANN. AUX NETS PARTICIPATED IN: DIABLO-VHF AND WILTON RADIO #1.

Information Services: ALL FLOTILLA REPORTS HAVE BEEN ENTERED IN AUX DATA. AM ENCOURAGING MEMBERSHIP TO COMPLETE SUBMISSIONS FOR YEAR END 2008.

Marine Safety: CFV EXAMS 12, 13 AND 14 NOV. AT SPUD POINT MARINA.

Marine Visitor: 90 VISITS THIS MONTH

Materials: ALL REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MET. COLREGS NAV RULES BOOK IS NOT IN STOCK AT ANSC.

Operations: 12 PATROLS THIS MONTH

Personnel Services: Waiting for the two packages to receive their clearance: Panza and Burkhardt.

Public Education: NO CLASSES THIS MONTH. 2009 SCHEDULE HAS BEEN BLOCKED OUT AND WE ARE WAITING CONFIRMATION FOR THE VENUES. CA DEPT OF B & W HAVE DISCONTINUED THE USE OF THE ABC CLASS MATERIALS. WE ARE STUCK WITH OVER \$200 OF MATERIALS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED WITH THE NEW CLASS MATERIAL.

Vessel Exams: 12 VESSEL EXAMS, AND 1 COMMERCIAL VESSEL EXAM

Respectfully submitted,
Ray G. Van Cleave, FC 55

Flotilla 57

Highlights of the Oct. 2008 meeting:

- Awards were presented to all in attendance and announced for those awards that not in attendance.
- Announced PV & VE workshops are not required.
- Announced Mission hours deadline for AUXDATA awards is Nov.1, 2008
- OWT is Nov. 8, 2008
- PE: 10 students/ 9grads at Oct. ABS Class
- PA: Oct. 12, 2008 a Safety fair in Bethel Island was manned by FI 57. Attendance was light.
- Decisions were made on the Nov. 13th COW.
- Announced Dept. of Waterways, Dock walker presentation will be sponsored by FI 5-2 in Mar. '09 details to follow.
- Phone tree is being updated at this time, check list for up to date changes.
- Encouraged attendance at the Division Pot Luck @ Dec. meeting 1800hrs.
- Announced Division COW is Jan. 11, 2009 at Jones' in Napa.
- Announced D-Train is Mar. 27-29, 2009 @ Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park.
- FI-51 will be holding AUXNAV class. Contact me for details.
- Flotilla election was attended by DCP Sanchez.

Tom Sarnicola will be the new FC for next year.

Bill Becker will be the new VFC for next year.

Flotilla 57 is saddened to report that former Auxiliary member, Larry Brasesco, crossed the bar on October 28th. Before his retirement in 2004 Larry gave more than sixteen years of faithful service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, including serving as Flotilla Commander in the early '90s.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Blackburn, FC 57

**Respectfully Submitted by:
Phil Sanchez, DCP 5**

Dick Hoelle, DCP-7

- I. COW 31 Jan. 2009
 - A. Finalized with Madeline's
 - B. Award Committee in process.
 - C. Conversed with 210 instructor. Arranged his transportation from and to the airport, and provided him with lodging information.
 - D. Currently planning agenda
- II. Division Staff 2009
- III. Finalized as of 11 Nov 2008
- IV. 08 & 09 Staff will meet at the next Division Board & Staff meeting on 18 Nov. to start transition.
- V. 08 Meetings remaining
 - A. 18 Nov will be the last scheduled Board & Staff meeting. No meeting in Dec.
 1. Start committee for Utah Boat Show
 - B. Start to finalize 2008 in Dec. compile & store records
 - C. Exe. Board to start setting up for 2009
 - D. There will be a meeting between now and Dec 31st of Flotilla Commanders, Div. Commander & Vice Commander to discuss 2009

END REPORT

Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8

My activities

1. Attended Flotilla 88 meeting, helped plan Tie Out activities
2. Oct 10,11,12. Attended Tie Out at Clear Lake, participated in the night SAR exercise, did a QE session with a new crewmember, conducted Division 8 meeting. Election results: Rich Thomas, Division Commander; Jill Munger, Division Vice Commander.
3. October 15. Visited Lake Tahoe USCG Small Boat Station.
4. October 25. Went to Brannon Island OPTREX as a QE.
5. October 31. Represented Division 8 at retirement activities for CWO4 Ken Frost OTO.

6. November 1. Attended Flotilla 88 meeting.
7. November 8. Attended Flotilla 88 meeting and conducted the elections.
8. Have started mentoring the new Division Commander and continue to give support to the Flotilla Commanders.
9. Continue to work at DIRAUX each Wednesday.

Activities in the Division as reported by Flotillas:

Flotilla 8-6

Training:

- CPR - completed by Thom O'Connor, certified CPR instructor.
- Continued Coastie training and VE training
- Vessel Exams
- Forms and District Website improvements

Unit Goals:

- Increase involvement with Group and Samoa Station
- Increase membership
- Increase member training

Information Sharing:

Personnel changes in Group and at Samoa

Group request for assistance stemming from the new system changes. Erik Jones will oversee this new system in Eureka.

Coastie and what that means for our division, much easier to access. Coastie will be housed at Samoa.

Contact with Sacramento Auxiliary Air has been instrumental on sharing what training and procedure is necessary for our Eureka pilots.

Flotilla 86 reports 15 members.

General meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of every month, followed by training.

Last Flotilla meeting took place on September 13th at 10:15 am at the "F" dock in Eureka, Ca., followed by a fellowship cruise aboard the historical Madaket Cruise Ship at 11 AM.

High lights of membership activities:

1. Linda and Bob Hoffman's continued clerical support at Samoa Station.
2. Thom O'Connor is training to stand watch at Samoa Station.
3. Patricia Davis is standing watch in Communications at Group Humboldt.
4. Dick Kerr, Lyn Bennett and Helen O'Connor have formed a committee to help Coastie settle in.

5. A committee is formed to plan the COW in December. Plans are underway to have the event in the Aquatic Center in Eureka directly across from the Barracuda mooring. Also, our new district Coastie will be commissioned at this COW.
6. In August Thom attended the "Train the Trainer" for Search Coordination and Execution in Montana.
7. Members are using their e-mails more regularly.
8. New Member packets have been compiled. We are still waiting on cards for some of our members.

Flotilla 8-7

- Helo Fuel Depot upgrade at Pt. Arena is completed
- Bruce Rogerson passed his Coxswain Qualification at the Clear Lake Tie Out
- Land Mobile Radio Patrols now assist CG when distress calls are received.
- The Flotilla continues to maintain lighthouses at Point Arena and Mendocino. Members also organize and lead tours through Point Cabrillo Light House (open to the public.
- The Flotilla members continue to work closely with Station Noyo River.
- The detachment at Pt. Arena continues to meet Quarterly.
- A BS&S class was completed with 6 members attending.
- September 20 flotilla members participated in Coastal Cleanup Day with Noyo CG personnel.

Flotilla 8-8

- The Tie Out at Clear Lake was a success, October 11, 12, 13..
- ICS 210 was well-attended Sunday October 13.
- Safety patrols continue on Clear Lake.
- Joint operations training was conducted have been conducted with members from flotillas 88 and 87.
- The flotilla manned an informational booth at the County Fair, September
- New officers: Harry DeLope FC, Dane Hayward VFC
- Qualified a new boat crew member at Noyo Station. The Auxiliarist enters the Coast Guard in October.

Flotilla 8-11

Operations training involved Crescent City's Flotilla 8-11 and their 25' USCG-owned rescue boat, Coasties including QE BM1 Erik Jones from Station Humboldt Bay and A 25' Defender class rescue boat from Station Chetco River in Brookings, Oregon (District 13) and two crew members. Group Humboldt Bay had the radio guard. Their Division SAR Team competed in NSAR at Cape May, and won the competition. Auxiliarists are being trained to use the new computer system, ALMIS.

William Barlow completed Train the Trainer, SC&E.

Dee Dee Kincade, DCP-11

Partner Agency Activities:

Coast Guard Station Lake Tahoe – Operational training with the Station continues. South Lake Tahoe 11-04 trained with the Coast Guard on November 5. Out next training is planned with the Carson City flotilla 11-05 on November 24. Conditions warrant that we wear MSD900 dry suits.

The Station has acquired several new personnel and has requested continued training throughout the winter. Our Reno and Carson City facilities will be coming up to Lake Tahoe for the trainings. **Reno National Weather Service** – Vic Beelik SO-PB/FC 11-04, Jack Leth SO-OP and Dee Dee Kincade DCP met with the NWS on November 10 to discuss their new lake forecasting model they plan to implement next year. Auxiliary members will be weather/wave spotters during the testing period. Vic Beelik will be our liaison for our Division.



Change of Watch – Our Division 11 Change of Watch was held on November 8 at Gar Woods Grill and Pier in Carnelian Bay, CA. This beautiful, nautical themed facility overlooks Lake Tahoe and is located on the north shore. Approximately 60 Auxiliary and Gold Side members and their guests attended the event. Guest speakers included CDR Russell Davidson - Sector Chief of Response D11N, CDR David K. Chareonsuphiphat - Director of Auxiliary D11N, Vic Connell – District Commodore D11N and Senior Chief Daniel Bennett – OIC Station Lake Tahoe. Other honored guests included MK1 Adam Barton – EPO Station Lake Tahoe, BM2 Adam Season – Auxiliary Liaison Station Lake Tahoe, Mike Williams – Vice District Commodore, Eric Jacobsen – Immediate Past District Commodore and our RCO, Angelo Perata – Rear Commodore and Mark Brown – Mayor of Truckee. Special awards were presented to Vic Beelik SO-PB for Best Flotilla Publication from NACON, to Ed Lyngar of Nevada Department of Wildlife in appreciation for his support to the Auxiliary and to Robert Summers of 11-05 for his many hours of instruction and recruiting. Vic Beelik SO-PB presented a slide show of all our flotilla activities for the year.

Member Training –Eight members from Flotillas 03 and 05 have completed the AUXPAT class held by Ken Wilrich of Flotilla 11-03. The AUXSEA class began November 11. JR Stafford taught the Lake Tahoe ICS 210 Class held November 8 in Incline Village, NV. 24 Auxiliary members attended the class. Special thanks to JR and his wife Bridget for making the drive up to Division 11 for this very important class. Plans are underway for a Watch Standing class to be held at Station Lake Tahoe in January. BM2 Adam Season, our Auxiliary Liaison, will be teaching the class.

Public Education – An ABS class is scheduled in Silver Springs, NV. on December 13. This will be the first time a class has been offered in this community. Ricky Thomas FSO-PE of 11-05 is expecting a good turnout.

Operations – All our Lake Tahoe facilities has been winterized for the season. Four facilities in the Reno area will be available for winter training with the Coast Guard Station and fishing derbies on Pyramid Lake. Our MSD900 qualification swims are being held Saturday November 15 and Wednesday November 19. 15 operational members will be taking the swim on Saturday and another 3 on Wednesday.

Public Affairs –Six members from Flotilla 11-05, Carson City, participated in the Nevada Day parade on November 1. This is a large parade held at our state capital, Carson City.

Elections – All our flotillas have completed their elections. Staff is in place for Division and was sworn in at the Change of Watch. Flotillas are in the process of selecting staff. A Division Board meeting is being planned to introduce the new flotilla commanders to their positions.

Frances Fisher, P-PCA

1. Meetings: Our next meeting will be held at the November District meeting, as soon as we break for lunch. We will be electing officers for 2009. To date, we have Charlie Duncan running for PPCA and Dave Naumann running for VP. If any PCA member is interested in running, please contact Marilyn McBain.

2. PCA Training Fair: Plans are in progress for the next PCA Fair to be held 21-22 February 2009. Mark your calendars.

3. D11NR Memorial PROJECT: We are waiting to hear from CDR Lang. The site selection and the decision on whether or not to incorporate the memorial into the potential upcoming landscaping project are still the primary issues. CDR Lang is continuing to have discussions within the engineering staff on the best way to make this project happen.

4. Any member who has served as DCP for 6 months is eligible to join the Past Captains Association. Dues -- \$3 per year ...or \$30 life time.

Fran Fisher, PCA President

Jimmin Chang, RCO-MS

1. In my September report, I discussed the importance of passing all information down the Chain of Leadership and Management, for the benefits of a diversified membership. In my memo, I have requested FC or VFC to send me a e-mail acknowledging that the info has been shared with the flotilla. The following are the response statistics:

Division 1	60%	Division 7	--	
Division 3	--	Division 8	--	
Division 4	--	Division 10	--	
Division 5	--	Division 11	50%	
Division 6	25%	Division 12	--	Overall 13%

It seems that a lot of improvement can be made to enhance the effectiveness of our Chain of Leadership and Management, next year.

2. Thanks you for all the hard work of the "Member Services" district staff officers: Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS, Al Christle and David Talton, DSO-MA, Irene Wetzal, DSO-CS, Bill Kinsey, DSO-PA, George Knies, DSO-PB, Rich Thomas, DSO-PS, and Michael Maddox, DSO-MT.

3. It has been my pleasure serving you as RCO for the last two years. Thank you for all your support. Next year, I will be back working with my flotilla as Flotilla Commander. I am looking to serving you at the District level in the future.

Steve Salmon, RCO-OMS

Calculating the Auxiliary's Value to Sector San Francisco

At the Sector Commander's request, LTJG Jon Tschudy, the Auxiliary Liaison Officer, has compiled a table estimating the value, in dollars-and-cents terms, of the Auxiliary's assistance to Sector San Francisco from July through October 2008.

The figures are startling. Using the average rank and pay of an active duty person to perform the same duties (for example, E-4 for a boat crewman or communicator), and assuming a 25-foot patrol boat would have had to substitute for an Auxiliary vessel, Mr. Tschudy's calculations show the value of the Auxiliary's services during this four-month period totaled over \$1.3 million.

For the Festival of Sail, the total was almost \$200,000, and for Fleet Week almost \$800,000. The Delta "Big Cat" operation contributed services valued at almost \$100,000, and the training support to the various small boat stations was over \$100,000. The many hours expended by land-mobiles to track down hoax transmissions on Channel 16 added up to over \$27,000, and a project for the Contingency Planning Department was valued at over \$9,000. Other contributions factored in to the total were support for the Aids to Navigation Team, for America's Waterway Watch, for commercial fishing vessel exams and ferry audits, for facility and container inspections, and for the Pacific Strike Team.

Photos of Aids to Navigation

As reported last month, coxswains have been asked to take digital photographs of certain aids to navigation. Bob Hendry, Division One Captain and the coordinator of the project, reports that over 85 percent of the required photographs have been submitted, and it is hoped that photos of the remaining 11 aids will be contributed shortly.

Training Assistance to Small Boat Stations

At a recent meeting of the Patrol Area Coordinators, it was reported that joint training sessions with many of Sector's small boat stations are continuing on a regular basis. At Rio Vista, the sessions have been almost weekly, and at Bodega Bay, San Francisco, and Lake Tahoe, they have averaged two per month. Training at Station Golden Gate has been once a month, but will be deferred during the winter season. Training with Air Station San Francisco takes place three or four times a month, both day and night, year-round.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen R. Salmon, RCO-OMS, and Auxiliary Sector Coordinator

Angelo Perata, RCO-RBS

As the RBS programs come to a close for the year 2008. We want to thank our members for all their hard work in getting out the message to the public.

Reviewing the safety programs over the past year.

1. Getting the public to wear their life jackets, not just having them on board.
2. Silent killer CARBON MONOXIDE, knowing what is carbon monoxide and what is available in detection & the affects of C.M.

3. The danger of TEAK BOARDING (which has become illegal in most states including California.) Teak boarding is holding on to the swim platform while the boat is under way. Educating the public on the difference between Teak Boarding & Wake Boarding.
4. Working with Diraux to provide Demo Safety equipment for Boat Shows.
5. When we think we have covered all boating recreation programs, somebody comes up with new toys on the water. Then we go to work to make it safe for the public. Sounds like a viscous circle.
6. Examples. Windsurfing, kite boarding, & now standup paddle boarding. Not to worry, we will stay the course.

Yours truly,
Angelo Perata

ATTACHMENT C

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
15 November 2008

James Duncan, DSO-AN

SO-AN please see that each FSO-AN & Aid Verifier receives a copy of this bulletin.

Copies can be downloaded at: http://aton.d11nuscgaux.info/aton_reports.html

1. SAN FRANCISCO AIDS TO NAVIGATION TEAM (ANT San Francisco) NEEDS PHOTOS OF SPECIFIC AIDS TO NAVIGATION:

Ant San Francisco has requested that Auxiliary members send in photos of the specific Coast Guard's Aids to Navigation (listed on pages 24 through 26). This is a major project for ANT San Francisco. These photos are needed for the Coast Guard review of all ATON folders to bring them up to date. **The gold highlighted work areas have been completed and sent to ANT SF.**

This is an ideal project for any operational facility & Aid Verifiers on orders. Please follow the Photo Criteria below.

CRITERIA FOR ATON DIGITAL PHOTOS:

1. Clear, digital, color picture of aid with identifying dayboard number.
2. Picture should show condition of aid and structure.
3. Picture should show surrounding environment for visual placement.
4. Picture should show clear path toward aid that a boat would follow.
5. Title digital picture on computer / or chip with Light List Number (LLNR) and date captured.
6. Send digital pictures to: **roberthendry@msn.com** or chip to: Bob Hendry, 58 Seminary Cove Dr., Mill Valley, CA 94941-3190.
7. At least 50% of the frame of the picture should contain the Aid to Navigation.

Please help out ASAP if you can. We need your help.

Note: Don't forget to submit an ANSC 7030 for Category 30 using starting time after your orders patrol. If not on an orders patrol use total times when you leave home or marina until to return.

2. 2008 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 **November 3, 2008.**

2008 DIVISIONAL, BRIDGE, ATON, & CHART UPDATING SUMMARY REPORT

Div.	AIDS TO NAVIGATION							BRIDGES			PATONS			Not Done	2008 AV
	A	AI	P	U	PI	B	BI	AOR	Done	%	AOR	Done	%		
1		6	123		76	5	6	4	4	100%	126	123	98%	3	21
3	17	1	62	5	58	13	11	13	13	100%	44	44	100%	0	12
4	1		82		21	2		2	2	100%	54	54	100%	0	6
5			121	3	51	5	1	9	5	56%	115	115	100%	0	19
6			4		1	2		2	2	100%	137	4	3%	133	3
8		21	4	13	15	1		1	1	100%	4	4	100%	0	3
10	4	8	49		24	11		10	10	100%	49	49	100%	0	11
11	1		94		73			NA	-	-	94	94	100%	8	12
12	1		171		76	10	9	9	9	100%	171	171	100%	0	14
Total	24	36	710	21	395	49	27	50	46	92%	794	658	83%	136	101

Div	2008 D11NR Chart Updating Year Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2008			2008 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Jan 1 to Mar 31, 2008			2009 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Apr 1, 2008 to Mar 31, 2009		
	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC
1	2	2					2	2	
3	15	1					15	1	
4									
5	1	4	100	1	4	100			
6									
8									
10				0	1				
11									
12									
Total	18	7	100	1	5	100	17	3	

Total NOAA Reports 1/1 through 12/31/08 →	18	Total NOAA CUC 4/1 to 3/31/09 →	100
Total Aids to Navigation Reports	804	Total Members Submitting Reports →	86
Total Aids to Navigation in AUXINFO	458	458 out of 804 reports showing up in AUXINFO →	57%
Total Chart Updating Reports	18	A= ATON, P= PATON, B= Bridges, U= Unauthorized	
Total ATON & Chart Updating	822	NOAA-CUC=Charting Credit Points award by NOS to date.	

• Note: NOAA-NOS Chart updating year is April 1 through March 31.

• “We are in the 2008-2009 Chart Updating Year”

- Note: D11NR Chart updating year is January 1 through December 31.
- Note: The **Red** number under 2nd Ob indicates secondary Chart Updating Observers.
- Note: **Red** numbers is the information from AUXINFO as of **JULY 6th** 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.”

**“Always check AUXINFO for your ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating activity.
 If you don’t find your activity recorded and you have submitted the proper ANSC 7030,
 check with your FSO-IS or SO-IS for help.”**

3. DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITIONS: Remember NOAA Raster Navigational Charts are free on line. The web address below is an excellent source for charts to attach to your Chart Updating & ATON reports because they are always updated. Check out this site below.

<http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/onlineviewer/>

D11 Northern Region has 2 New Chart Editions in 2008. We had 4 New Chart Editions in 2007. See "Dates of Chart Latest Edition" Table for D11 Northern Region is on page 5.

No.	TITLE	SCALE	EDITION	DATE
18645	Gulf of the Farallones;Southeast Farallon	100,000	26	Sep /08 (NM:9/27/2008) (LNM:9/23/2008)

Charts with edition dates prior to those listed in the table on page 5 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.

4. NOAA-RASTER NAVIGATIONAL CHART SERVICE RESUMES:

NOAA has resumed its full service of providing free weekly updates and new editions of Raster Navigational Charts (RNCs) via the Internet at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>. A list of certified RNC distributors is also available at the above Internet site. Address questions to NOAA at <http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/inquiry.aspx>.

5. AID VERIFIER (UPDATED) MAY LOSE CERTIFICATION DUE TO INACTIVITY: To Division 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, & 12 SO-ANs, this is a reminder that the following Aid Verifiers will lose their Aid Verifier Certification on December 31, 2008. Aid Verifier's Certification is maintained by activity. They must turn in one ATON Report or one PATON report or one Bridge report to be certified for the next year. The list below is those that have not turned in any reports in 2008. There is only two (2.0) months to the end of the year. The listed Aid Verifiers should contact their FSO-AN, SO-AN, or me as soon as possible to request a PATON or Bridge to check. We still have PATONs & Bridges that need checking in Divisions 1 (3 PATONs), 5 (4 Bridges), & 6 (133 PATONs).

ID NO.	DIV-FLOT	NAME	AV	DATE
1194863	113-01-04	MARY KIRKWOOD	1	040214
1213743	113-03-03	GWENDOLYN SAVAGE	1	060218
1213744	113-03-03	ROY SAVAGE	1	060218
1210025	113-03-10	DEAN LA CHAPELLE	1	040214
1175296	113-05-02	JAMES S CONVERSE	1	070217
1222472	113-05-03	STEPHEN CAMER	1	070217
1172127	113-05-07	PAUL CLAUSEN	1	070217
1206561	113-06-04	MATTHEW WALL	1	060218
1144288	113-10-02	TERRI LINN	1	030215
1174339	113-10-03	WILLIAM MARTIN WALKER	1	040214
1193837	113-12-05	RONALD C DENESHA	1	060218
1210312	113-12-21	CYNTHIA WEISS	1	060218

6. SECOND Notice of the “2009 Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating C-School” at Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia.

About the Course: This school is designed to provide training in all five Auxiliary Aids to Navigation Programs - ATON - Federal Aids, PATON - Private Aids, BAP - the Bridge Administration Program, CU - Chart Updating Program and SCF - Small Craft Facility Program. The new Web-based Private Aids to Navigation System that is being introduced into the First District, NR will also be presented. PowerPoint training aids for most AN programs will also be introduced. The aim of the AN/CU–C School is to train a cadre of Auxiliary leaders who will promote the AN/CU programs in their District and develop new and lasting programs and relationships with the Coast Guard in support of the goals and objectives of the Auxiliary Aid to Navigation / Chart Updating Program.

Who May Attend: Candidates must be recently assigned as a FSO-AN (Flotilla Staff Officer - Aids to Navigation), or a SO-AN (Division Staff Officer Aid to Navigation), or a DSO-AN or ADSO-AN (District Staff Officer – Aids to Navigation). This training is not refresher training. Alternative training is available through District ATON program managers. COMDT (CG-5421) must approve all waivers. Only one class convening is scheduled per year. Applicants MUST have an internet e-mail account capable of receiving and downloading attachments in order to benefit most from this training. Therefore, the candidate’s e-mail address must be included in Block #22 of the Short-Term Resident Training Request prior to approval. No civilian contractors are authorized to attend.

Title is "C-School - Aux ATON & Chart Updating - Private Aids;" Dates - 5-7 June 2009; Location - Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia; Times - 0800 Friday to 1200 Sunday (30 Students). Course Code is 501065. Course

How to apply for this C-School and I encourage all SO-AN to apply.

Complete a “School Short Term Training Request Form CG-5223.” Click here to get Form CG-5223. (<http://forms.cgaux.org/archive/a7059f.pdf>) Send your completed CG-5223 form to your District DIRAUX (Director of Auxiliary) via your Flotilla Commander (your FC is required to sign the form).

Keep a copy of the Form CG-5223. Expect to receive travel and information about orders.

If you are interested, put in your request ASAP because there are only 30 openings.

James B. Duncan, DSO-AN 11(NR)
dvc.on@comcast.net

“All auxiliary vessels when underway should be checking all Aids to Navigations for any type of **Discrepancy and also be checking the Charts & Shoreline for **Charting Errors** as well as providing update reports on Small Crafts Facilities in their AOR”**

DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITION TABLE
In D11 Northern Region **November 3, 2008**

Chart No.	Chart Scale	Edition No.	Last Update
18600	196,948	14	Jan 26,2002
18601	40,000	14	Feb 2007
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 2006
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	26	Sep 2008
18647	40,000	15	Sep 2002
18649	40,000	65	JUL 2006
18650	20,000	55	Dec 2007
18651	40,000	44	Apr 2006
18652 SC	40,000:80,000	34	Sep 2007
18653	20,000	10	July 2005
18654	40,000	44	Jan 2008
18655	10,000	59	Oct 2006
18656	40,000	55	Sep 2006
18657	10,000	19	Nov 2005
18658	10,000	31	Sep 2007
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 2006
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

PHOTOS NEEDED --- AIDS TO NAVIGATION
OCTOBER 7, 2008

PHOTO CRITERIA:

1. Clear, digital, color picture of aid with identifying dayboard number.
2. Picture should show condition of aid and structure.
3. Picture should show surrounding environment for visual placement.
4. Picture should show clear path toward aid that a boat would follow.
5. Title digital picture on computer / or chip with Light List Number (LLNR) and date captured.
6. Send digital pictures to: roberthendry@msn.com or chip to: Bob Hendry, 58 Seminary Cove Dr. Mill Valley, CA 94941-3190.
7. At least 50% of the frame of the picture should contain the Aid to Navigation.

The gold highlighted work areas have been completed and sent to ANT SF.

WORK AREA	LLNR	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
San Francisco Bay Central	5420	LT	Treasure Is. North End Light 6
	5445	LT	Berkeley Breakwater Center Light
San Francisco Bay North	4385	LT	Sausalito Channel Light 2
	4390	LT	" " " 4
	5735	LT	Richmond Harbor Channel Light 12
	5745	DBN	" " " Daybeacon 16
	5750	LT	" " " Light 18
	5825	LT	SF Bay North Channel Light 17
	5840	LT	San Rafael Creek Light 1
	5845	LT	" " " " 3
San Francisco Bay South	4730	DBN	San Leandro Bay Airport Channel Dbn 4
	4740	DBN	" " " " " " 6
	4875	DBN	San Leandro Marina Channel Dbn 11
	4955	LT	San Bruno Shoal Channel Light 3
	4960	LT	" " " " " 4
	5130	LT	SF Bay South Channel Light 8
Redwood Creek	5195	LT	Light 5
	5265	LT	" 21
Bodega Bay	7770	LT	Bodega Head Light
	7795	LT	Harbor Light 4
	7810	LT	Channel Light 6
	7830	DBN	Channel Daybeacon 10
	7930	DBN	Channel Daybeacon 31
	7935	LT	Channel Light 32
	7946	LT	Spud Point Marine Light 1
	7947	LT	" " " " 2

	7954	DBN	Channel Daybeacon 35
	7955	LT	Channel Light 36
	7975	DBN	Channel Daybeacon 38
	7985	DBN	" " 42
	7995	DBN	" " 46
	8005	DBN	" " 50
	8015	DBN	" "

San Pablo Bay	5885	LT	Channel Light 5
	5925	LT	" " 12
	5935	LT	" " 14
Petaluma	5980	LT	Entrance Light 2
	6010	LT	Entrance Channel Light 8
	6015	DBN	Entrance Channel Daybeacon 9
	6020	LT	Entrance Channel Light 10
	6030	LT	" " " 12
	6050	LT	" " " 16
	6070	LT	" " " 20
Carquinez Strait	6105	LT	Mare Island Strait Light 4
	6240	LT	Light 23
Suisun Bay Range	6375	RF	Point Edith Crossing South Front Light
San Joaquin River	6755	LT	Light 24
	6767	LT	" 27
	6770	LT	" 28
	6810	LT	" 35A
	6815	LT	" 36
	6845	LT	" 43
	6853	LT	" 45
	6857	LT	" 48
	6860	LT	" 49
	6865	LT	" 47
	6895	LT	" 57
	6900	LT	" 58
Stockton Channel	6925	LT	Light 4
	6975	LT	" 13
	7055	LT	" 26
	7115	LT	" 38
Stockton Channel Range	7120	RF	Stockton Channel Range J East Light
	7135	LT	Light 40
	7140	LT	" 41
	7165	LT	" 48
Sacramento Deep Water Channel	7170	LT	Light 1
	7190	LT	" 6
	7230	LT	" 14

	7240	LT	" 16
	7245	LT	" 17
	7420	LT	" 51
	7500	LT	" 65
	7510	LT	" 67
	7560	LT	" 75
	7580	LT	" 79
Sacramento River	7645	LT	Light 4
	7665	LT	" 6
	7670	LT	" 7
	7690	LT	" 9
REDUE	7715	LT	" 10
	7740	LT	" 12

Jeff Price, DSO-CM

Here is the Communications report from the past few months.

1. I would like to thank DCO (e) Mike Williams for allowing me to continue the communications journey through the next two years. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done especially in the repeater field. I have made contact with the owner of the Mt. Umminum site. We are moving forward with ideas about his mountain top as well as the other mountain tops that he owns. All of these mountain tops will improve our District communications as well as augmenting the Coast Guards sites. We are also waiting for the arrival of the new Direction Finding machines that the Sector has approved and paid for. These additional D/F machines will be placed in the hands of those who really want to make a difference with hoax mayday calls, open microphones and EPIRBS. I have also met with the person involved with the Rescue 21 process. The new communications platform will arrive sometime in 2010. The Coast Guard has investigated several locations in the area of responsibility that they will be putting new high sites. Some of the locations are owned by the Coast Guard and some are shared with other companies. I have been guaranteed that we will have access to these locations in the event that we decide to install repeater systems. The idea of installing a repeater system along the coast is very likely when this all comes together. I thank the incoming DCO again and I am looking forward to next year.

2. I alluded to this in a previous report but I was unable to get into details based on the severity of the issue. Sector San Francisco has given permission for me to send the following information out in direct regards to the mission that this Districts Mobile Team was involved with. I was contacted by Sector San Francisco during the middle of August. They asked me to get involved with a hoax mayday caller that has been transmitting since July. The hoaxer was only transmitting over the Mt. Umminum high site and he would only transmit for seconds at a time. My task was to directionally find him and the locations he was transmitting from. The problem was that the amount of miles that needed to be covered over land exceeded 350 miles. This transmitter transmits up through the middle of the Bay Area as well as the coastal communities of Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. I started this tracking through the east bay area and asked for help from Division 12, Division 4 and Division 6. Divisions 4 and 6 responded with great enthusiasm and I never heard anything from Division 12. I employed mobile responders from Division 4 who had machines as well as portable marine radios to try and get some kind of voice heard. The search lasted almost 2 full weeks as we descended on several communities as far down as Morgan Hill and as far up as

Alameda. All areas were exhausted so then I sent Mike Nolan up to the top of Mt. Hamilton so he could set up and hear this person when he transmits. The hoaxer transmitted and Mike was unable to hear him so it was determined at that time that the mission needed to be moved to the Santa Cruz area. There were several days that this person did not transmit and then he would come in like wildfire. During the afternoon of 03OCT08, Mike Nolan was dispatched to the top of the HWY 17 summit to try and D/F this person as he had been transmitting for 30 minutes non-stop. Mike arrived on location with Jeff Wilcox and they were able to hear the hoaxer enough to get a bearing on 135 magnetic from the top of the summit. Needless to say, this was a huge break in this mission. The Mobile Communicators from Division 6 came out and helped with this under the direction of Dave Wormington. Dave drafted up some maps of the area and struck a line as to the coverage and then deployed his mobile staff to various parts of his area. We set up our operation during that entire weekend and the hoaxer never transmitted. On 05OCT08 at 0030, Sector San Francisco called me and advised that the hoaxer was back at it again. I quickly got dressed and headed to the Santa Cruz area. While enroute, I called Mike Nolan and had him get going as well. I arrived at the top of HWY 17 and I was unable to hear anything mostly due to the heavy fog. I then departed that location and headed south on HWY 1 through Santa Cruz and into Monterey County. A quick thinking Sector Watch Stander asked the hoaxer to call the Sector and the hoaxer did. He called from his cell which also turned out to be his home phone number. We did a cross reference of the phone number and his address came up. I went to this guy's street and then had Sector call him on the radio and ask him to give a 10 count over the radio and he complied. By doing this, I was able to get a 100% accurate direction find on this guy thus closing this case. The amount of money that was spent on the initial search of this hoaxer was in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The amount saved by using the Auxiliary, likely the same. This was HUGE for our Auxiliary. The hoaxer is being prosecuted for his hoax mayday calls which totaled 45. I could not have done this by myself so I owe a huge THANK YOU to the following people: Fred Sellstrom, Kevin Sellstrom, Bill Kinsey, Joe Love, Paul Zahra, Mark Mushet, Jeff Wilcox, Leon Artac, Dave Wormington, Ryan Dimeo, Rod Collins, Chris Doutre, Dudley Clark, Ray Burch, Tony Budlong, Peter Kryll, Steve Ward, Jerry Mcalwee, Darren Nolan and last but certainly not least Mr. Mike Nolan who actually heard the guy transmitting. All of these folks made a HUGE difference and I would not be doing my job if I did not recognize their efforts. These guys are truly the very best of what this Auxiliary has to offer and I was, and still am extremely honored to work with them.

3. Fleet Week 2008 was a big success for the Communications Department. We had our AUXCOMM at VTS again and that has been proven to be a big success. Mark Mushet has really done a GREAT job for the past 2 years and the response to his professionalism has been noted. Bob Peterson and Mike Nolan teamed up at the Muni Pier and worked along with the FAA and did a great job in keeping PATCOMM advised of all the activity. Mr. Chuck Elliott assisted us at Crissy Field with eyes on from shore. Things are going to change again next year as many of the folks from the Coast Guard will be leaving prior to the event.
4. During the month of October, the repeater team installed 2 brand new dipole antennas high on top of Mt. Diablo. The installs went perfect and the coverage is 100% better. We are able to get our Auxiliary Fixed Land Station in Bodega Bay in very clear now which is very good in the event of an emergency. I have been in contact with the Coast Guard about obtaining some new items for some new key locations. This will be moving forward as things become more available. Many thanks for Fred and Kevin for taking this task on. They did an AWESOME job!

5. **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO:**

LCDR Lusk – Sector Command Center Chief has asked ALL members of this Auxiliary (radio operator or not) that have marine radios either in their home or vehicle to listen in whenever possible on VHF CH16. There have been a BIG number of FALSE MAYDAYS that have come in. If the member happens to hear the MAYDAY call then the member is requested to call the Sector Command Center at 415-399-3530. The Member can really make a difference because he or she can narrow the search field down dramatically if he or she gives either his or her LAT/LONG or geographic location and how strong he or she heard the transmission.

Here are the offices of the ADSO-CM: All of their email addresses have been updated on the Districts web site under Departments. As always, **PLEASE START YOUR QUESTIONS AT THE DIVISION LEVEL FIRST**. Please let the SO-CM have the first crack at helping you out. If you have no SO-CM then please feel free to contact one of my Officers. This just keeps with the tradition of Leadership and Management.

ADSO-CM/IT: The CM/IT and I will be working to update the District Comms web page. We hope to include some pictures and event items that we can look forward to in 2008. We will also be researching some needed upgrades to the ARMS system. More of this is sure to unfold as the year progresses.

ADSO-CM/R: You have questions about this Districts Repeater(s). Mr. Sellstrom is here to help you out and give you the guidance that you will need to be successful in transmitting to the system.

ADSO-CM/HF: Mr. Farmer can help you out and educate you on how the HF radio works and how you fit into this program. He will explain how to get in and what you need to start talking.

ADSO-CM/MT: Please send any Comms related questions in regards to future testing or proctoring to the CM/MT. He will be happy to assist if possible and I will assist him as needed.

ADSO-CM/LM: If the members have any Mobile related issues on how to get out on patrol or what type of patrol is authorized then please have them contact Joe Love. He has the answers!

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.

AUX RADIO NET: All Communications units are encouraged to check in and if nothing else test their equipment to see if it all works both on the VHF marine channels as well as the repeater frequency. The net is being held at 2000 local time each Monday evening on VHF CH83A. If for some reason CH 83A is occupied then we will switch our VHF Marine remote to transmit on VHF CH 06A. The Sector Command has approved this.

AWO (AUXILIARY WATCH OFFICER): We currently have all positions filled. I will be updating the comms page on the District site when this position comes available.

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, DIRAUX and the CDO at Sector SF. 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 its kind in the entire Coast Guard Auxiliary. We are currently experiencing some ISP issues with the following providers: Comcast, Yahoo and AOL. We are working to get these UNSPAMMED!

Some issues have come up in the recent past as to the exact call out process and who controls that platform. It needs to be noted that the **CALL OUT** is in direct response to what **SECTOR SF** wants and therefore they can make advisements as to who they feel can respond to their calls. I strongly encourage all communicators that wish to be called out to be in and active in this system because there is **NO OTHER WAY TO GET CALLED OUT**. This position is a dispatching port therefore all AWO's have been instructed to utilize the availability list **AT ALL TIMES**. Bottom line is that if you are not on this list or you are and not active on the daily list then you will not be activated, period! **ALL MOBILES THAT WORK UNDER ORDERS WOULD NEED TO BE IN THIS SYSTEM.**

Individual reports by Division:

Division 1: NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Division 3: NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Division 4: NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Division 5: NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Division 6: NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Division 7: NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Division 8:

September: 1,905 Patrol Miles, 50.4 Hours, 0 SAR, 0 Assist.

October: 1,909 Patrol Miles, 47.9 Hours, 0 SAR, 1 Assist.

Year to date 2008 (Jan - October): 19,693 Patrol Miles, 543.4 Hours, 12 SAR, 7 Assists.

Merchant Mariner packets processed: 6.

Division 10: NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Division 11: NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Division 12: NO REPORT SUBMITTED

End of report!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff C. Price - DSO-CM 113

Please see the information below. These are questions and issues that the members of this District have continually asked to know about.

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 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. Summer is here and this would be the time to get out there and patrol. Please submit through POMS and notify me in advance of the patrol date so I can activate.

This is being resent with a quote of current policy below

Who can inspect my radio facility?

Your FSO -CM or anyone in the CM Chain can inspect your Radio's.

The Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual M16789.3E states:

Annex 4, Sec. D.1. Initial Inspection

The facility owner must arrange to conduct an initial inspection of each fixed land, land mobile, and RDF facility and, thereafter, a reinspection every three years from the date of acceptance. Only a flotilla, division, district, or National communications Staff officer who has successfully completed the requisite Auxiliary communications inspection qualification (AUXCOM or replacement course), or a member completing such qualification and specially designated by the Director, may conduct an inspection. The inspector must report the results on the Radio Facility Inspection and Offer for Use Form (CG -2736A/ANSC-7004) to the Director. The Auxiliary must complete all inspections following the initial inspection before the expiration date of the facility 's acceptance for use.

In the Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, states in Annex 4:

B.4. Decal Display

Auxiliarists may display the miniature decal and wreath on the exterior or interior of the building in which the radio equipment is housed, on any legal place on a motor vehicle containing the radio equipment, or on the radio itself. Radio facilities must not use the large size facility decal.

If you are interested in participating in the Auxiliary HIGH FREQUENCY Network then please fill out the information below and send it to the ADSO-CM/HF or the email address below for processing. National is currently looking for more H/F stations from District Eleven North. The assigned frequencies WILL NOT be distributed unless the proper paperwork is received. This is a National policy not a local policy.

District 11 N/R H/F Application for AUXMON and H/F related nets:

Please note that I will need the following information for those interested in this program as discussed at the top of the page:

1. Member Name: _____
2. Member ID: _____
3. Radio Call Sign – Mobile and or Fixed Land or both:

4. Radio ID: Mobile NM11?? / Fixed Land
NF11??: _____
5. Members address: City, State,
ZIP: _____
6. Lat/Long of the address (even if
mobile): _____ / _____
7. Phone number:
home/office/cell: _____ / _____ / _____

Please fill this out and send it back to me at **oysterpointmobile3@yahoo.com**.

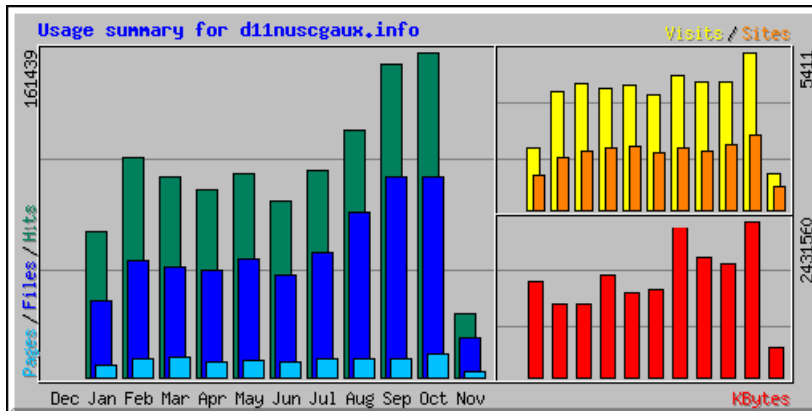
Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS

RECENT record usage of our website headlines this CS Report, along with the district providing web server space for divisions and flotilla, READ ON . . .

1. The evaluation for District Best of Web (DBOW) award recognition will take place in January. It is recommended for Web Managers “webmasters” to initialize the updating development prior to the end of the year. SO-CS nominates one flotilla for consideration. All division websites will be considered.

2. D11NR Website is creating focus on the members as part of the missions. This is being accomplished with Photo Gallery, PA Hub, a new top banner, What’s New, and a Home page now under development for 2009 which includes a narrated slide show of our activities:
<http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/>

3. Our graphic display Webalizer Report below compares monthly usage. Now, September and October months are the highest usage in 2008. An email message is sent monthly to all members featuring a website focus and the related link(s). The district Web Team is constantly creating new services for our members.



4. D11NR now provides web server space for all flotillas and divisions. Webmasters find the national server limiting at 10 and 15 MB for photos which are valuable media for the members. Unit sites have been created and ready for migration: <http://d11nr.info/>

5. Flotilla and Division websites are encouraged to include a list of officers, a bookmark link to unit AUXINFO, activity/meeting calendar, photo gallery, boating classes, and relevant links. As always, our district's flotilla and division websites continue to be the best resource for local information.

DIVISION / FLOTILLA REPORTS received in October and November:

Division 1: Flotilla 12 - Andy Johnson FSO-CS

To take advantage of a large increase in server capability, our web site has been moved to <http://flotilla12.d11nr.info/index.html>.

Division 5: Curtis Han SO-CS

Our division site has officially migrated to the district 11NR server, from the National server. Our new web address is: <http://division5.d11nr.info>

Flotilla 52 has also transferred to the district server: <http://flotilla52.d11nr.info>

SO-CS requests that, as soon as the FSO-CS transfers their website to the district server, they notify SO-CS to make appropriate link changes to the division 5 site. FSO, please update the division 5 web address on their flotilla web.

Division 6: Scott Galloway SO-CS

Contributed photo for district top banner

Flotilla 64 – Des Wytman FSO-CS

Developed new site and migrated to district server: <http://flotilla64.d11nr.info/>

Division 8: Flotilla 88 – Deana McAllister FSO-CS

Recently developed an all new website: <http://a1130808.uscgaux.info/>

Division 11: Tom Komadina (SO-CS 2009 appointee)

In the process of leading edge development of live new Division news release blog

Site migrated to: <http://www.sierracgaux.org/>

Division 12: Anthony Dymond SO-CS

Planned Activities

1. Accumulate important information received from email or websites. Report this information to the FSO-CS's, the newsletter officer, and to other members.
2. Support the FSO-CS's to improve design and technical aspects of their flotilla websites.
3. Maintain and improve the Division 12 website.

Recent Activities

1. There are several flotillas in Division 12 whose FSO-CS's should be recognized for their accomplishments this year:
 - a) Nancy Schimmelman has gotten **Flotilla 12-02** approved for placement in the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary Flotilla Finder (<http://nws.cgaux.org/flotillafinder/index.html#11>). This requires submitting the site for a formal review, and not every site passes. Being in the Flotilla Finder provides a link from this national resource to local units and can help folks interested in the Auxiliary to locate an element in the area.
 - b) Robert Firehock has built a very nice new website for **Flotilla 12-21**. The current draft can be seen at <http://a1131221.uscgaux.info/test/>. This is a complex and attractive site and there has clearly been much time and effort put into it.

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN

At the November meeting, I announced that the District audit committee was now requesting financial materials from all units not yet audited.

This list includes all of the following divisions: 3, 5, 6 (except Div 6 which was completed), and 12 and FL 49.

I have attached a list of the items needed. (For any units not submitting by year end the dates will be updated for the 3 most current years...see Audit of Units 2009).

Thank you so much.
Fran

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP

I've been asked to continue on as DSO-LP and I agreed to do so. It appears as if we'll keep our existing ADSO's and perhaps add one or two more who have expressed interest. It's less a workload issue than one of having a small cadre of folks whom I can call upon to kick around odd questions and then come up with answers.

There hasn't been any further LP parallel chain communication on N-Train, but I'm still planning to attend on the assumption that Legal will be one of the invited disciplines. Beyond that, operations are normal in the Legal area.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ RAF

David Talton, DSO-MA

There were a number of sales and inquiries this month – an encouraging sign.

I am still working on the revision of the web site and credit card issue.

I have also begun contacting vendors to negotiate terms on our account as well as possible reductions in our cost of goods. Thus far, I have been able to secure a reduction of about 75% in the cost of items from Weems and Plath. This means we will be able to carry more quality navigational equipment from this fine company.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Talton
DSO-MA

Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS

According to AUXDATA, District 11N Auxiliaries logged 3,300 hours of marine safety and environmental protection hours this year to date, compared with 5,200 hours in 2007. There appear to be a lot of unreported hours in this year's figures. Please remind your members to report their time and check their posted tasks and competencies.

I attended a meeting in Monterey last month and presented an overview of how members in this division, which is a bit distant from the Prevention office on Coast Guard Island, can participate in the marine safety missions. I would like to do the same for each division in the district. Please check your calendars and let me know when would be most convenient.

America's Waterway Watch

Please remind your members to report their AWW activity, which should be represented in all public education, vessel safety checks, program visitation and public affairs activities. Please identify one individual to coordinate your division's activity and forward reports of your activity to ADSO-MS Bill Burns. We have about a dozen folks at the District level who can and regularly do assist with formal presentations on AWW.

Incident Management

The next California Clean Boating Network meeting will be on Thursday, December 4th from 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the new Mt Diablo Recycling Facility located at 1300 Loveridge Road in Pittsburg. This is a great opportunity to learn about environmental protection issues in California. If you would like to attend, contact DSO-MS Nick Tarlson.

2008 Dockwalker Boater Kits are available (see prior reports for ordering information).

Domestic Vessel Inspections

Auxiliaries comprise 13 out of 21, or 62 percent of qualified examiners and conducted 5 out of 15, or one third of the Commercial Fishing Vessel Exams during the second calendar quarter and 61 out of 141 (43 percent) for the year to date. After a wash out due to cancellation of the salmon season, we performed pulse outreach operations for Operation Safe Crab this week in anticipation of the opening of crab season on 15 November.

Ferry Vessel Audit Program

49 auditors conducted 26 audits since the last report, for a total of 136 to date, as compared with only 97 audits for all of last year – an increase of 36+ percent. If your members want to continue in this important program, please tell them they must show their commitment to the program by conducting at least two audits this year.

Facilities Inspection

We receive an average of one call per week for Auxiliary assistance in the Facilities Branch.

Regional Examination Center

We continue to assist the REC with remote locations and other support.

Pacific Strike Team

Richard Celia continues to stand watch every Friday at the PST.

Occupational Medical Surveillance and Evaluation Program (OMSEP)

Encourage your members to participate in this program, which is intended to protect their occupational health.

Marine Safety Training Ribbon

The following members have earned the Marine Safety Training Ribbon in our District:

Simone H. Adair	William W. Burns	Phil E. Grove
Stuart M. Hunter	Dean LaChappelle	Guy E. Mallery
Wilfred Sumner		

Please encourage your members to consider this as a minimum goal and qualification for marine safety officers and members interested in the program. Once they have earned the ribbon, please encourage them to continue on to serve this mission area and earn their Trident pins.

Trident Program

No new activity.

Other Initiatives

Domestic inspections needs interpreters in Croatian and Vietnamese languages.

The Ship Ride program is currently operating with active-duty riders only.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

Included at end of this report:

- REQUIREMENTS BEFORE REQUESTING A QUALIFICATION EXAMINER
- D11N OPERATIONAL HOURS
- OPS REPORTS INDEX by SUBJECT

All,

This will be the final report for 2008: I will send to you, in a separate email, any important information that comes out from National between now and January 2009.

AUX LIFE JACKET REQUIREMENTS, FROM NATIONAL, AS OF NOV 11TH 2008

“After special consideration for our Auxiliary members safety by the Coast Guard, the inflatable vests listed in the Rescue and Survival Systems Manual, COMDTINST M10470.10F will

continue to be authorized after 01 JUN 2009 for use on facilities that can exceed 50 MPH in lieu of Type III dynamic strength tested vests rated for 50 MPH.

Specifically, the vests as listed in the RS&S Manual are:

- * LSC 485CG INFLATABLE
- * LSC 481CG/481CGM INFLATABLE
- * MUSTANG MD3183 INFLATABLE
- * MUSTANG MD0450 22 INFLATABLE

In addition to inflatables, Mustang Survival, Inc. has independently certified their MJ6214 (Type III Float Coat) to the 50 MPH Dynamic Strength Tested standard. For any facility (including PWCs) that are capable of exceeding 50 MPH, it is recommended that an appropriate speed dynamic strength tested vests be used. Please pass this information through your communications chain down to the members at the deck plate.”

HAVE PRINTED COPIES OF YOUR ORDERS ON BOARD:

I realize all of us always have our order numbers on board when we do patrols. CWO2 Danny Kilburger requests that you also have printed copies of your orders on board. This will be one thing he will ask to see if he comes aboard your facility.

IMPORTANT PEPIRB INFORMATION:

All Coxswains and PWC Operators should have been issued a PEPIRB. If you have not received one please let the office know so one can be issued to you. DIRAUX is trying to update files as to who is in possession of a Coast Guard issued PEPIRB. If you currently have one, please notify YN3 Stacy Curtin (**Stacy.L.Curtin@uscg.mil**) to update our information. Her direct phone number is: (510) 437-3308.

The PEPIRB needs to be registered every two years with NOAA. If you have not registered it within the last two years please do so.

PEPIRB Registration address:

NOAA SARSAT Beacon Registration
E/SP3, RM 3320, FB-4
5200 Auth Rd
Suitland, MD 20746-4304
Email: <http://www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov>
Fax: 301-568-8649
Help Line: 301-457-5678 or
Toll Free: 1-888-212-7283
Blank forms are available at DIRAUX if you are in need.

NOAA will send you a new bar code to be placed on the PEPIRB. After you receive the new bar code, remove the old bar code and place the new code on your PEPIRB. Once you receive the new code, notify YN3 Stacy Curtin in order to keep the PEPIRB records up to date.

CHECK YOUR FACILITY AND CREWS QUALIFICATIONS:

- If you do a patrol on say June the 1st and your facility inspection expires June the 15th but you put in your request for reimbursement until June the 16th you will not be reimbursed. In addition neither you nor your crew will gain credit for the underway hours.

Always stay cognizant of when your Facility inspection, Crew and Coxswains recertifications are due. It will save many headaches for all.

REPORT TO INCOMING 2009 BOARD:

I received a request to present an overview (in five minutes) of D11N Operations to the incoming 2009 District Board. The following is the material I presented:

The missions available in Operations are changing just as titles and many other things in the Auxiliary continue to change. We no longer go out and have five or six tows a day, Linda Vetter and Terry Blanchard along with their facility Silver Charm, save sailboarders from heading to Hawaii on a weekly basis, and by doing so save the CG thousands of man hours and fuel costs from having to get their vessels underway. Many Coxswains and their crews are now training with CG stations in their Area of Responsibilities (AORs) on a regular basis. We are also working more and more with different agencies for regatta patrols for swimmers, kayakers, high speed racers and other events. Thanks to Roger Haynes for the ongoing leadership of a project set up by Bob Hendry involving an AUX team to work with the Aids to Navigation (ANT) team on YBI. We now have more missions available in the Aids to Navigation arena. More and more opportunities are presenting themselves as our training is also changing. Another underused patrol opportunity involves Chart Updating. An efficient approach to these patrols is to compare satellite imagery from Map Quest or Google Earth with a chart to identify differences, and then document them for NOAA.

Qualification Examiners (QEs) have been greatly impressed with a number of the Divisions' OPEX/OPTREXs. By having the QEs come early, do orals for those going for Initial Qualifications, and getting underway an hour later with all Initial and recerts on board, leaves the balance of the weekend for additional training and takes the pressure off the candidates. We will always try to have enough QEs available to do this. Please take these thoughts into consideration when your Division or Flotilla in your Division puts on an Operational event. This means you might wish to hold a familiarization patrol BEFORE the OPEX/OPTREX so all crewmen, especially those being tested, are familiar with the equipment they will be using. Qualification Examiners are to be a "fly on the wall" while on board for a check ride. Check rides are not for training; they are to show what the Coxswain and Crew are trained to do without any outside guidance. If the QE has to train during the check ride the check ride is over and a training session has started without any sign offs given. Suggestions of other ways to do things may be given during the debrief of a task by the QE, not during the time a task is being performed.

I have passed out this month's Operational Report. Included are the needed requirements for candidates prior to going before a QE. Please be sure the members of your divisions are familiar with them. Reason I say this is that there are still many members who arrive at an event expecting a check ride, and they have not finished all the requirements needed. All tasks have to be finished before going before a QE. QE sessions should be as efficient as possible, so assembling multiple candidates is preferred but QEs will continue to be made available for a single candidate if requested.

PHOTOS IN POMS – Additional Flotilla Tool

*I sent this information out last month but many said they were unable to open the attachments so this time I have printed and enclosed them at the end of this report. **Please note: I was unable to reproduce those attachments in these Minutes. Please refer to Gail Ramsey's original November report. – DSO-SR***

Mrs. Noreen Folkerts, from D17 (Alaska) has figured out how to add photo's to POMS (and print it out by flotilla). It looks awesome & has helped Command Centers have a good visual when dealing with Auxiliary facilities.

Mrs. Folkerts enclosed her Sitka Flotilla to show you what it looks like with the picture of the facility & without. All the instructions are below.

2009	UNIT	LOCATION	CONTACT
APR 30 - MAY 3	OPTREX FLOTILLA 39	ANTLERS, LAKE SHASTA	POC: <u>Charlie Duncan IPDCP</u>

Please use this link for past DSO-OPs Reports and Robert Peterson's "Coxswain Shack" articles: <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/surface/archive.html>

Respectfully Submitted, Gail

HAVE GREAT HOLIDAYS!!

This information has been requested by many to be in print one more time.

REQUIREMENTS BEFORE REQUESTING A QUALIFICATION EXAMINER:

The below information has been requested again. Suggestions how to make it simpler are welcome.

<p>All tasks in the AUX Boat Crew Qualification Guide are to be signed off by a Mentor. The below tasks are included in the qualification guides for Crew, Coxswain and PWC Operator but here is a run down of some of the classes and tests that are required. All tasks are to be done prior to requesting a Qualification Examiner.</p>	
<p>Crew: Can be in an AP Status ICS 100 ICS 700 8 Hour TCT (Within past 5 years)</p>	<p>Coxswain: Be BQ Qualified Not be in REYR as a Crew Member 28 Hours underway as a qualified Crew Member 8 Hour TCT (Within past 5 years) ICS 100 ICS 200 ICS 700 ICS 800 ICS 210 (in place by March 31, 2009) Initial Written Closed Book NAV Rules (Within past 5 years) Proctored by QE Operations Policy Test</p>
<p>PWC Operator: 8 Hour TCT ICS 100 ICS 200 ICS 700 ICS 800 ICS 210 (in place by March 31, 2009) Initial Written Closed Book NAV Rules</p>	<p>Schedule for Three Year Re-Qualifications: Last check ride 2004-due in 2008 Last check ride 2005/2006-due in 2009 Last check ride 2007-due in 2010 Last check ride 2008-due in 2011</p>

# 075 (Within past 5 years) Proctored by QE Operations Policy Test	Please have your FSO-IS check the status of when you are due and plan accordingly.	
FC arranges for two Facilities, that have qualified Crew and Coxswains to man the vessels (NOTE: QE CANNOT COUNT AS PART OF QUALIFIED CREW)	FC contacts Chief QE Coordinator: COMO Gail Ramsey gives desired date, along with an alternate date that QE is needed.	Proficiencies both dockside and on the water; will be demonstrated for the QE's signature. If candidates come from more than one Flotilla please have all candidates' names on one form. Only one form per QE session.

Missions to date for 2008

Mission Hours as Values	CHART - Aton/Chart Update Patrol (03)	LOG - Logistics Mission (54a)	REGATTA - (02) Regatta/Safety Zone Support	SAFETY - (01a) Maritime Observation (Mom)	TRN - (22a) Ops Training (Qualifications)	AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a, 01b, 02, 03, 22a, 54a, 55a)
11 NR – Div 01	7.90	1.00	49.30	1,268.50	308.80	1,690.50
11 NR – Div 03	120.50	2.00	379.90	2,890.80	658.50	4,139.50
11 NR – Div 04	15.80	11.40	152.70	594.50	100.70	875.10
11 NR – Div 05	76.30	0.00	365.20	2,325.40	1,283.20	4,081.10
11 NR – Div 06	0.00	0.00	319.80	481.10	101.00	901.90
11 NR – Div 07	0.00	0.00	171.50	4,528.90	0.00	4,700.40
11 NR – Div 08	10.00	22.00	83.00	1,130.90	558.30	1,930.60
11 NR – Div 10	16.80	0.00	74.50	691.00	147.10	929.40
11 NR – Div 11	26.00	41.00	420.70	183.40	449.30	1,120.40
11 NR – Div 12	179.40	40.00	63.70	1,124.40	492.20	1,899.70
11 NR – Eleventh Northern	452.70	117.40	2,080.30	15,218.90	4,099.10	22,268.60

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William Kinsey, DSO-PA

1. 2009 District Public Affairs transition: Work has commenced on completing various 2008 projects, documenting suggestions for continuation of existing public affairs projects into 2009, and compiling records and files to turn over to the new DSO-PA 11NR.

2. 2008 in review: While there are approximately six weeks remaining in my term as DSO-PA 11NR, I would like to take this opportunity to recount some of the highlights from 2008.

A. Training: ADSOs-PA Eric Hebert and Jerry McAlwee developed and delivered three unique, D11NR-specific training programs: first was the D-Train Public Affairs mission overview session; second was the session on media interaction and personal conduct in the public eye, delivered at the MAY08 District Board & Staff meeting; third was the photography/photographic content session conducted at the AUG08 PCA fair. Mr. Hebert and Mr. McAlwee put forth tremendous personal effort in developing these programs, and we greatly appreciate it.

B. National Safe Boating Week: Under the leadership of Angelo Perata RCO-RBS, District 11NR members pulled out all the stops and made this year's National Safe Boating Week a significant event for the boating public in Northern California, Nevada, and Utah. All divisions reported robust activity and contact with the boating public, and provided documentation of that activity in contribution to the District's NSBW report.

The AUX 11NR Public Affairs staff made early contact with the SOs-PA and the division NSBW chairs, providing NSBW information weeks in advance of the start of the event. The AUX 11NR Publications, Communications Services, and Public Affairs staff assisted the RCO-RBS with the production and distribution of the report. Our NSBW report is posted on-line at <http://services.d11nuscgaux.info/pa/NSBW2008/NSBW11NR.pdf>.

C. USCG Public Affairs events support: The AUX 11NR Public Affairs Team turned out to support Sector San Francisco's Public Affairs, and to assist LTJG Lauren Kolumbic, Sector PAO at the following events:

- **Festival of Sail**
- **Big Cat Poker Run**
- **USCGC Bertholf commissioning**
- **Fleet Week**

ADSOs-PA Diana Serchia, Bill Becker, and Leo Gross organized Auxiliary support for Sector's public affairs booths, and worked directly with LTJG Lauren Kolumbic, Sector PAO. ADSOs-PA Steve Dolgin, Jerry McAlwee, Harry McBain, and Eric Hebert served as photographers and stood watch at the booths.

D. Website and Internet presence: With the creative leadership of Irene Wetzel DSO-CS 11NR, 2008 saw further development of the District's Public Affairs internet presence with an expansion of the Public Affairs website at <http://services.d11nuscgaux.info/pa.html>. Along with more information on Auxiliary Public Affairs missions and more links, an events photo gallery has been added at <http://services.d11nuscgaux.info/pa/events.html>.

Additionally, the District now has a YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/D11NR, due to the good work Eric Hebert ADSO-PA. I invite all hands to visit. Our thanks to Irene and Eric for all their hard work.

3. Division & SO-PA support: The real work of the Coast Guard Auxiliary takes place in the flotillas and divisions, where our members engage the boating public on a daily basis. I would

like to acknowledge the enthusiasm and hard work of our Division Public Affairs Officers: Diana Serchia, Joan LaChappelle, Jerry McAlwee, Mike Taylor, Ralph Neal, Mike Mylo, Mary Messal, Monica Eaton, Dee Dee Kincade, and George Prows. A terrific job done by all.

4. ADSO-PA support: District 11NR is very fortunate to have a corps of dedicated and hardworking Assistant District Public Affairs Officers who go to great lengths to get results and execute their duties with the utmost professionalism. My heartfelt thanks to ADSOs-PA Chris Lay, Steve Dolgin, Harry McBain, Dan Weggeland, Lloyd Adams, Leo Gross, Ron Darcey, Jerry McAlwee, Eric Hebert, Diana Serchia, and Bill Becker.

5. Division reports: SO-PA1, SO-PA 3, and SO-PA 6 follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Kinsey DSO-PA 11NR
USCGAUX

Diana Serchia SO-PA 1 reports the following:

Fleet Week/Blue Angels festivities occurred the weekend of 11-12 October in San Francisco. I assisted Bill Kinsey, DSO-PA by volunteering for the event and by forwarding the names of members who also had interest in volunteering. A Public Affairs booth was established and members from Division 1 and members from Division 5 participated. The public was very enthusiastic with our presence at Crissy Field and were eager to learn about the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. It was a very successful event. LTJG Lauren Kolumbic expressed her gratitude via an e-mail about the Auxiliary participation.

I received an application for this years Columbus Day parade which I brought up for discussion at the past Division. It was decided that we would not partake in the parade due to Fleet Week patrols and other operations.

Joan LaChappelle SO-PA 3 reports the following:

FSO-PA31 - Terry Ermart - No report submitted

FSO-PA39 - Dan Weggeland - Sent out 28 press releases. Had coverage from radio and newspaper regarding Evasive Workshop. Represented the Coast Guard at the Redding "Lights of Liberty" fireworks spectacular on October 18.

Upcoming events are several Veteran's Day programs at different locations.

FSO-PA39 - Dan Weggeland - A public affairs event was held at the Discovery Park boat launch ramp on September 30. Information was distributed to the public. Also, exchanged several life jackets. KCRA television interviewed us regarding the importance of wearing life jackets.

Our flotilla also staffed a boating safety information table on October 11, American Diabetes Association fund raising walk at the State Capitol.

FSO-PA3-10 - Jeff Gebers - A story, along with picture, was submitted to the Elk Grove Citizen newspaper regarding our Brannan Island activities.

Ralph. Neal SO-PA 6 reports the following:

1. Activities are evidently minimal at this time as I received no inputs to include in the report.

2. During the Division 6 meeting on 25 November, Mark McLaughlin, currently Vice Captain of Division 6, was elected as the first Division 6 Commander and Skip Eckel, currently Commander of Flotilla 64 was elected as Vice Commander for Division 6.

3. Skip Eckel, FC-64 and FSO-PE-64, started an About Boating Safety course on 23 March to be concluded on 13 November. Robert Aurner, FSO-PA 64 submitted notices to local news outlet. The Monterey County Herald published the notice. Thirteen persons signed up for the course of which ten attended the initial meeting.

4. Coast Guard Station Monterey held their second Haunted House for Halloween this year. Members of Flotilla 64, assisted the Coast Guard personnel.

5. The Division 6 Change of Watch will be held at:

**Peachwood's Steakhouse
555 Highway 17, Santa Cruz
on Sunday November 16, 2008
2:00pm-5:00pm**

6. An AUXSCE course was started at Coast Guard Station Monterey on 22 October. The course is continuing with completion scheduled in February 2008.

George Knies, DSO-PB

The October issue of the "Northwind" included 28 pages; 25 copies were printed at a cost \$89.80 (700 quality stock pages at 0.128 cents pp). Featured in this edition were photos of The Festival of Sail parade-of-ships and other land/water activities, as well as the arrival of the new Legend Class National Security Cutter Bertholf and her commissioning ceremony.

I am pleased to report that Bill Kinsey and Vic Beelik have volunteered as ADSO-PBs commencing with the forthcoming January 2009 edition preparation.

A reminder for ExCom members..... Please forward photos for inclusion in your articles that are due prior to **JAN 01 * APR * 01 * JUL 01 * OCT 01**. Since your articles appear on the lead pages early submittal will facilitate publication during the first week in the month.

Respectfully,
George C. Knies

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE

This is a slow season for PE classes, but a few Divisions are offering Advanced Navigation (Weekend Navigator) classes.

A review of the AUXDATA information indicates almost all flotillas are recording the number of graduates for their classes, as is needed for the new NASBLA reporting requirement. I am following up with the others.

National is soliciting suggestions for topics to be covered in the 2009 non-mandatory instructor workshop. Please send them to me and I'll forward.

The Coast Guard determination Oct. 3 that a Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) is a "vessel" may need to be explained in our classes. While the determination calls these craft "paddleboards" it clearly refers only to those that are powered by a paddle, from a standing position. There have been racing paddleboards around for decades that are paddled by hand from a kneeling or prone position. These are NOT vessels, nor do they require PFD carriage. Harbor masters are distressed about these craft causing congestion in their facilities and how to regulate them.

The District Board has not yet acted on my proposed restructuring of the PE award criteria.

End of report

Richard Thomas, DSO-PS

Significant amount of dis-enrollments came through during October 2008. We had a total of 98 individuals leaving the district from January 01, 2008 through November 12, 2008. The dis-enrollments are as follows:

Non-payment	Requested	Passed-away	Retired
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68	19*	4	7

Requested:*

- 11 - No time to participate
- 3 - Disgruntled
- 4 - moved to another area

On the good news side the incoming new membership throughout the district indicates that we have had 123 new member applications from January 01, 2008 through November 12, 2008. The status of these applications is as follows:

Approved	Still in Process
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94	29

Considering that we do not calculate those that have crossed the bar and those that retired as of the date of this report we have a net gain of 36 members.

Beginning on September 11, 2008, the National Inquiry system was changed so that the email of leads we receive come directly to me and I then forward them to Bob Davidson, ADSO-PS who sends them to the appropriate flotilla's. The new format has been reduced to one page, which was wonderful because we were printing 3 pages for every inquiry and was a waste of time and paper.

I will work on having these leads sent directly to Bob starting in 2009 with a cc to me in order to keep track. Since the beginning date of September 11th, I have received 79 national inquiries for our district.

Under the new National Commodore, he has brought his own team into some new programs and the National Branch Chief will change. Gregg Trask from Vermont has been Branch Chief for PS since I have been DSO-PS and provided good information for PS section.

This will be my last report for the year as I will wait until right after the end of December to calculate and report on the totals for the year of 2008. I would like to personally thank Dan Tinney for his work and help as my ADSO – uniforms and Bob Davidson my ADSO for national leads. Bob spends many hours and is impeccable and timely with his duties.

I am happy to know that both agree to stay on another year in their positions, subject to approval of Commodore-elect Williams. I also would like to thank Anita Farnholtz and Fran Fisher for their help and contributions of information.

End of Report

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE

Division Statistics (*As shown in AUXINFO thru October 31, 2008)

I was unable to reproduce the bar graph shown in Mr. Lauro's PDF file. – DSO-SR

The goal for D11NR for 2008 is 7,500 VSC's. We are **89%** of our goal for the year and **93%** of 2007 production! The data source is AUXINFO. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **4169** or **63%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **3663** or **55%** are High Risk VSC's.

PAC Area Statistics (*As shown in AUXINFO thru October 31, 2008)

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National/District News

- For 2008, 64 District 11NR examiners have produced 20+ VSC's. This is approximately 20% of the total District examiner base. This time last year, the District had 62 examiners produce 20+ VSC's or 18% of our examiner base.

Additionally, 2008 had 24 examiners produce 60+ VSC's and 2007 had 24 examiners reaching that plateau.

The names all examiners reaching both the 20+ VSC and 60+ VSC plateau will be listed in the January 2009 VSC Newsletter.

- The 2007 National VSC award presented to Flotilla 10-02 and the RBS (Eagle) award presented at NACON are on permanent loan to the District and have been placed in the District trophy display case.

- Are Paddleboards 'Vessels'? Coast Guard Now Says They Are

By: Louis Gerlinger | Thursday, October 23, 2008 12:00:00 AM

Officials determine paddleboards are subject to boat regulations.

LOG NEWS SERVICE — The Coast Guard has officially determined that paddleboards are vessels -- and, as such, they are now subject to federal boating safety regulations.

This pronouncement came in an official memorandum issued Oct. 3 by Jeffrey N. Hoedt, chief of the Coast Guard's Boating Safety Division, in response to an inquiry from the director of the Oregon Marine Board. The Marine Board had asked whether or not a paddleboard is considered by the Coast Guard to be a vessel for purposes of Navigation Rules, accident reporting and safety equipment requirements (including personal flotation devices).

"Based on the information available, the Coast Guard has determined that, when beyond the narrow limits of a swimming, surfing or bathing area, the device known as a "paddleboard" is a vessel under 46 U.S.C. paragraph 2101, and therefore subject to applicable regulations administered by the U.S. Coast Guard and its Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, unless specifically exempted," Hoedt said in the memorandum.

The Coast Guard said that because a paddleboard -- a large flat board, like a surfboard, which is stable enough to support a person standing while they paddle the device using a paddle in a manner similar to operating a canoe -- is "practically capable" of carrying persons or property beyond the narrow limits of a swimming, surfing or bathing area, it meets the criteria to be

considered a vessel. "The word 'vessel' includes every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water," the Coast Guard said.

So far, neither the Coast Guard nor the California Department of Boating and Waterways have issued guidelines to law enforcement officers on what laws and regulations apply to paddleboards. The Marine Retailers Association of America has issued a dealer alert advising of the Coast Guard's decision to classify paddleboards as vessels.

"I have been around the boating industry for a long time, and sometimes think I've seen it all -- but this ruling goes beyond even what I thought was an April Fool's Joke," Phil Keeter, MRAA president, said in the alert.

This article first appeared in the October 2008 issue of The Log Newspaper.

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- In the continuing evolution to provide NEW information and improve YOUR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html> ALL past DSO-VE reports, VSC Newsletters, and important announcements have been archived. If you simply click on "**HOTLINE MESSAGES**" you will find them. Only the current DSO-VE report, Newsletter, and important announcements will be on the front page.

Lake Camanche



Here are 2 photos taken of Lake Camanche in May this year to illustrating the lack of water in typical Northern California reservoirs. The water level at the time of these photos at Lake Camanche is **35%** of capacity and over **50+** feet down! However this is pale when compared to Lake Shasta, which is **29%** of capacity and over **155** ft down! Lake Oroville which is only **30%** of capacity and is over **225** ft down! Unfortunately, this was a common sight at many Northern California inland lakes this past summer.

The photo on the left shows the 6 lane South Shore launch ramp, which has not been in use since late April. The photo on

the next page shows Camanche Creek Bridge built in 1950 on the original road en route to the original Camanche town site. Another 10 ft. lower and many foundations from the original town site will be exposed.



The gold rush town of Camanche was built along the banks of the Mokulome River in the mid 1800's. The town was flooded in 1965 by EBMUD to create Camanche Dam and a 400,000+acre ft. flood / irrigation and recreation reservoir. On normal years at the time of the photos, the water level is less than 6' from the top of the ramp and the trees in both photos. In spite of the low water levels, over 5,500 of the 6,600 District VSC's were performed at these low-water locations! My hat's off the hard working examiners producing these VSC's in less than ideal conditions!

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael J. Lauro DSO-VE 3



Let's work together for our safety and the safety of others by setting an example and wear our lifejackets while performing VSC's especially when working around docks and when climbing aboard large vessels!



Neil Nevesny, CRC

I have received one request for CRC counseling during the past month. The person requesting advice will contact me if the issue is not resolved.

Respectfully submitted, Neil Nevesny, CRC, D11N