

MINUTES  
DISTRICT 11NR TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING  
16 April 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1905 PDT by DCO Victor Connell.

Robin Stewart, DSO-SR called the roll, and DCO Connell noted that all Board Members were present, except for COMO Eric Jacobsen and Fran Fisher who are excused.

ATTENDANCE:

DCO Vic Connell	Phil Sanchez, DCP-5
Mike Williams, VCO	Rod Collins, DCP-6
Jimmin Chang, RCO-MS	Dick Hoelle, DCP-7
Steve Salmon, RCO-OMS	Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8
Angelo Perata, RCO-RBS	Monica Eaton, DCP-10
CDR David Chareonsuphaphat, DIRAUX	Dee Dee Kincade, DCP-11
CWO4 Kenneth Frost, OTO	Pat O'Leary, DCP-12
Robert Hendry, DCP-1	Fran Fisher, P-PCA –excused
Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3	Robin Stewart, DSO-SR
Judy Esteban, DCP-4	

OLD BUSINESS

D-TRAIN Debrief - DCO Connell asked that comments about D-Train be sent to him separately. The feedback received so far was that the Awards ceremony was smoother; the Friday Fun Night was a positive experience; some said that the workshops were not as detailed and seemed somewhat superficial. DCO Connell feels that overall we did okay.

AUX Modernization – Divisions are still being called Divisions. All current elected Officers keep their elected titles, but Officers running in 2009 will have new titles. The restructuring process is still going on. We need to come up with a plan for the next Commodore and the next N-Train what the District will look like.

District Legacy Trophies – They were not awarded at D-Train because they don't look good. Jimmin Chang RCO is leading a committee to work on this issue.

CGC Bertholf Commissioning – The Commissioning is scheduled for the first week of August. This is a big event for the District. The Navy League is helping to support the Commissioning event. They will be doing the social events. The fund-raising committee will have a letter sent to 500 Bay Area Auxiliarists to offer them an opportunity to donate money in support of the Commissioning events. It also covers crew support. If anyone did not receive the letter but wants to donate they can go to the Bertholf website and donate online.

Festival of Sail San Francisco – Auxiliarists will have some opportunities for involvement. More information will be coming soon.

DSAR and NSAR - Two Division teams have signed up so far. The District SAR will be held on Coast Guard Island on June 7. Teams of three must be Boat Crew qualified, with a least one coxswain. Teams of three are preferred but not required. RCO Salmon is working with CWO Frost on this. In order to get more participation they will accept individuals instead of teams.

Contact Steve Salmon even if there are only a few individuals. People who just want to observe are also welcome. Admiral Bone has been invited to attend. There will be a Barbecue lunch and an Award ceremony.

District elections – Will be held on Saturday September 20. Nominations are needed 90 days before then, which is June 20. The Nominating Committee consists of CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DCO Connell and IPDCO COMO Eric Jacobsen. Nominations are being accepted for the positions of District Commodore, District Chief of Staff, and Division Captains. Nominees must be fully eligible before the deadline. Board members can make nominations on the day of election but they have to be sure the nominee is eligible and ready to serve.

APC Requirement: Only first-time elected officers must meet the APC requirement. Officers who have previously held elected office and have taken either the EOC or AUXMIN will be “grandfathered in”.

## NEW BUSINESS

Auxiliary Interactions with the Media - The major part of boating season is coming up. The media may want to interact with Auxiliarists while they are out on the water. Auxiliarists must be prepared on how they present themselves and the best way to say something. The next Board meeting will have a presentation about this.

Summer Surface Vessel Patrol Schedule – Has been modified slightly so the coxswain can get into POMS and request orders for surface vessel patrols for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and all holidays. Orders might be declined but between Memorial Day and Labor Day orders should be granted. Orders can also be requested for State and Federal holidays and whenever a CG or Partner Agency requests an Auxiliary safety patrol (in writing).

Quagga Mussels – They are an ongoing issue in Clear Lake and East Bay lakes. There will be boat inspections for mussels, however each area is handling this in their own way. There is no statewide policy. The question is should our VEs be doing inspections for mussels. VEs are encouraged to discuss the mussel issue and to hand out literature about it but are not authorized to do inspections for mussels. That is up to the local authorities and inspectors. VEs should not answer mussel-related questions regarding a specific vessel when doing VSCs. Their only focus is proper safety equipment.

Nominations for the RBS Excellence Eagle Award are due to DCO before May 1.

## DISTRICT BOARD & OTO REPORTS

DCO Connell called for District Board reports as follows:

Robert Hendry, DCP-1 – Report on file (Attachment A). The finance report missing from one flotilla is in the process of being completed. Division 1 has requested an honorary membership for Jennifer Buchanan. They are waiting for a response. Vic Connell stated that generally this is an award for civilians associated with the Auxiliary, not so much for Active Duty personnel.

Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3 – Report on file (Attachment A). Nothing to add.

Judy Esteban, DCP-4 – Report on file (Attachment A). She is scheduled for knee surgery next month.

Phil Sanchez, DCP-5 – Report on file (Attachment A). There is an OPTREX this weekend at Station Vallejo. 14 members are lined up for qualifications. The Lake Berryessa assistance project is going great. The communications project is going well. Sanchez saluted Flotillas 52 and 53 for putting the whole thing together. The PA booth has been very busy at different events.

Rodney Collins, DCP-6 – Report on file (Attachment A). Division 6 had an excellent time on the buoy tender Aspen. The Navy League of Monterey assisted with arranging the event.

Dick Hoelle, DCP-7 – Report on file (Attachment A). Division 7 just completed SAR training for 26 Utah State Rangers that operate boats during boating season. He also sent pictures. The next training will be at Lake Powell.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8 – Flotilla 86 will be combining a TCT class with a Dockwalker class on May 31. Flotilla 88 has been invited to use the yacht club facility in Lakeport. RCP Angelo Perata will come up to Clear Lake for NSBW.

Monica Eaton, DCP-10 – Report on file (Attachment A). An OPTREX was held last weekend in Lake Kaweah. Many new people from Flotilla 10-5 were very happy to be getting the training. Also the Corps of Engineers welcomes people who want to go on patrols.

Diana Kincaid, DCP-11 – Report on file. (Attachment A). Flotilla 01 will present a kayak safety session at a Lake Tahoe event. She will not be at the Board meeting next month.

Pat O'Leary, DCP-12 – Report on file (Attachment A). Division 12 held its first OPTREX last weekend. It was very successful. The finance issues have been resolved. Some ATONS have already been inspected. The Simply Sail Boat Show will not have a Coast Guard booth. The Division and its Flotillas are working on updating their websites.

Frances Fisher, P-PCA – excused

Jimmin Chang, RCO-MS – Report on file (Attachment A). All members should have received the CGMA package. Have FCs remind members to contribute. If they did not receive the package they can go to the website and download the form. George Knies did a good job on the Northwind newsletter.

Steve Salmon, RCO-OMS – Report on file (Attachment A). Salmon. hopes DCPs will promote DSAR a little more. As Sector Coordinator, there have been some problems with conflicting requests to use YBI galley. He wants to remind people that if you need a Sector resource to let him know.

Angelo Perata, RCO-RBS – He attended two Division meetings this month. Regarding NSBW, Division 3 and Division 11 have events working with kids in elementary schools. Perata encourages this. Be sure to get parents' permission.

Michael Williams, VCO – Thanked everyone for helping with D-Train.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – A new Auxiliary manual is coming out. He and Ken Frost are collaborating on it. Rachel Zamora is assuming Jennifer Buchanan's duties as she prepares to leave. He saluted Division 6's work with the Navy League.

CWO4 Kenneth Frost, OTO – Nothing to report. There will be a new Yeoman in May, whom he will introduce at the next Board meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2000.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board & Staff is 1030, on 10 May 2008, at Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Stewart, DSO-SR

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING 16 April 2008**

#### **Robert Hendry, DCP-1**

##### **Strategic Plan Implementation.**

Presentations by the flotillas to their membership on the detailed plans for implementation of the America's Waterway Watch program have been accomplished. Surveys identifying suspicious areas of the Bay in our AOR are underway. This week the first contact with an excursion company will be accomplished and this experience will be utilized in subsequent contacts. At the request of Sector San Francisco, through Steve Salmon, I will be attending the Dept. of Homeland Security's West Coast Small Vessel Security Summit in Los Angeles on May 3.

##### **Festival of Tall Ships.**

We have two members who are working with the Coast Guard in planning the Festival of Tall Ships in July. Rick Saber, FC12 and SO-VE, has been designated the Port Captain for the event.

##### **SAR Competition.**

At least one team has been formed to compete in the District SAR Competition.

##### **Operational Training Exercise.**

Plans for our OPTREX to be conducted on May 31 and June 1 are progressing.

##### **National Safe Boating Week.**

Plans are being developed by the Flotillas. Diana Serchia, SO-PA, is coordinating activities.

##### **Organization Ideas.**

A report on organization ideas in the District has been developed and submitted for consideration. It was discussed with the Division Board and a copy has been provided to other Division Captains.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert W. Hendry, DCP-1

#### **Leanne Sweeney, DCP-3**

- **Member Training:** AUXCOM is currently being offered, with AUXWEA beginning shortly. Search and Rescue could be offered as early as June but likely will be later depending on the availability of an instructor and whether or not the new AUXSCE is available yet. AUXACN is also being offered and started THURS 24 JAN 08.
- **Comms:** A Communication Workshop is in the planning stages. Fred Sellstrom, has been contacted and the plan is to include a couple other members to form a group of planners and

facilitators to put on this event. The workshop should take place before the summer rush to the water.

- Public Education: We discussed doing the one day ABS course as a division this year and are going to host the class at Sac Radio 1 on the following dates: 3 May, and 7 June, and may continue through the summer, depending upon the popularity of these classes. Flotillas 33 and 35 are offering the 13 week BS&S class; FL 35 will also be teaching a 26 hour BS&S class to 9 employees at Cal Boating, beginning on 2 MAY 08.
- Marine Safety: Several members from FL 35 remain active assisting the REC. A Dockwalker class was held on 14 APR at Sacramento Radio One – 9 members attended.
- Operations: on 29 MAR 08, we qualified two new coxswains and one new PWC Operator. We are actively working to get REYR members requalified as soon as possible.

The following has been established for the Division 3 OPTREXs for 2008: Shasta, 2-4 May, Sacramento Radio One, 20-22 June, Lake Oroville 13 September, and Brannan Island 17-19 October. A flyer has already been sent out to the District for the Shasta OPTREX, and one will be forthcoming shortly for the Sacramento OPTREX.

- Public Affairs: We are gearing up to have a presence at the March boat shows at Cal Expo. FL 39 has already participated in a boat show in the Redding area. FL 35, with assistance from FL 3-10, just finished up at the boat show during President's Day weekend at Cal Expo. FL 31, augmented by other flotillas in the Sacramento area, had a presence at the Sacramento Air Show in March, which featured the Blue Angels. We are also firming up our NSBW plans, which will include the annual life jacket exchange with Cal-Boating at Northern California Sam's Clubs, and Open House at Sacramento Radio One (featuring a variety of Boating Safety demonstrations), as well as an air drop demonstration on Folsom Lake on 24 MAY 08, with AIR STA Sacramento.
- Sacramento Radio One Dock Project: Several members from Division 3 assisted in installing a new I beam to help support the new floating docks. Grant High School is turning over the management of the facility to the City of Sacramento, who appears to be supportive of what we do for the community. The next step will be to get the new docks lowered into the water, which will hopefully be done by the first week in May.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leanne Sweeney  
DCP 3 11NR

#### **Judy Esteban, DCP-4**

SO-IS - Mission reports:

- 4- MT, 5 - Marine patrols, 9 –VSC, 7 – MDV, 1 PE, 1 – MS, 1 –Recruiting, 3 – MS.
- Comm/Radio Procedures held in March.
- PWC safety class at West Marine.
- ABS started in March.
- 2 TCT, 2 Ops.
- 2 vessels were involved in a Radiation Detection Exercise.
- PA table at Anderson Lake.

- Jerry McAlwee judge Silicon Valley Synopsis Science and Technology Fair.
- Recruiting ads on Craigslist.
- BS&S course started.
- Jerry McAlwee has volunteered to be on the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services Committee and will give monthly reports.

#### SO-PV – reports

- FL 43 – 25 MDV.
- FL 49 – 23 MDV.

#### SO-VE – reports

- FL 49 – 39 VSC.
- New VE Jim Higuchi.
- VSC effort has started in South Santa Clara County lakes.

#### Updates

- Flotillas 49 and 43 has completed phone tree.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy S Esteban  
DCP 4 11NR

#### **Phil Sanchez, DCP-5**

- Request for new ID cards is underway as each Flotilla is collecting the information and pictures for Diraux. April is our month for submission.
- Coxswain/Crew academy training is winding down, as candidates are making ready for the Div 5 Optrex for qualifications.
- Division OPTREX on April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at Station Vallejo should be a great success as we have 14 members needing quals and requals. Plus there will be additional members attending the ops workshop an 8 QE's will be helping us out. Even though the QE's sessions are full we still have room for other members in the District for the Operations & 1 hrTCT workshops. There is no charge for this training and a BBQ dinner will be provided by the most outstanding Division 5 at Station Vallejo on Saturday evening.
- The Lake Berryessa assistance project is well underway as the Bureau of Reclamation and the Sheriffs Dept has continually encouraged our team to assist in the Safety patrols and Vessel Examinations. The presence at the Lake is planned to become more intense in the upcoming months as members from other Flotilla's have asked to help. A communications base is also in the plans as Curtis Han & Chuck McCarty are looking for a beneficial site. A map which was provided by the Bureau of reclamation was laminated and being distributed to interested members.

This Lake project is much like the one that was developed 3 years ago at Lake Sonoma by Flotilla 55. This new Lake Berryessa presence has been developed as a joint effort between Flotilla 52 (Napa) and Flotilla 53 (Suisun) with experienced suggestions from Flotilla 55.

- Division 5 Flotilla's are having a very busy month in April. So far there has been Public Affairs booth setup at the Santa Rosa Boat & RV show, Deer Valley School, Suisun Bay Marina plus VE station, and the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival with the active Coast Guard from Life Boat Station Bodega Bay help at the Public Affairs booth and transporting personnel to the Festival site. Many Regatta Patrols have been accomplished for opening day's as well.

## **Flotilla Commanders' reports**

### **FC 51 Christine Busse- Dohm**

The March Flotilla meeting was canceled due to lack of attendance, D-train and my unavailability. We will be meeting in April with Dan giving a talk on uniforms. Member training has been a focus this past month. The Flotilla has many members who are up for QE at this month's OPTREX. So, we have had a lot of boats on the water. Plans are underway for the upcoming National Safe Boating Week. We will have a staff meeting to go over details. The Flotilla has reordered hats. They should be available to sell to our members soon. Respectfully submitted,  
Kristine Busse-Dohm

### **FC 52 Curtis Han:**

**Aids to Navigation** – Absent; no report submitted

**Communication Services** – monthly maintenance and updates.

**Finance** – No report

**Information Services** – Absent; no report submitted

**Materials** – Absent; no report submitted

**Marine Safety** – MS officer received 42 boaters kit. They will be handed out during public boating safety courses, vessel safety checks, and docks/marinas.

**Member Training** – March 29; two boat crew trainees received on-the-water training aboard Auxiliary Vessel Osprey, with Coxswain Mike Ungersma. Workshop was postponed last month due to lack of members present at the flotilla meeting.

**Operations** – One boat crew member served as boat crew on Osprey on Night Cruise, March 8<sup>th</sup>, and during training patrol, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Affairs** – Absent; no report submitted

**Public Education** – Absent; no report submitted.

ABS was taught on March 8<sup>th</sup>; three students graduated.

**Personnel Services** – One member currently in process of transferring from Flotilla 39, one member in process of re-enrolling in Auxiliary, two prospect members submitted their enrollment application forms. The complete package will be submitted to DIRAUX as soon as all documents are compiled.

**Program Visitor** – Eight program visits in March.

**Secretary of Records** – Absent; no report submitted

**Vessel Examinations** – No VSCs in March. Total of three qualified VEs in Flotilla 52

## **LAKE BERRYESSA SAFETY PATROL PROJECT**

A copy of Lake Berryessa map and the list of common landmarks/geographical location names were issued by the Sheriff's office in Lake Berryessa. Copies will be made available to the members, upon request. Ms. Patty Blackwells of Bureau of Reclamation is in the process of talking to her supervisors about issuing us the gate codes and access to their station. Due to parking space issues, they are allowing room for one trailer parking,

thus launching capability of one boat from their station. Dock space is another issue. Currently there are no available docks/slips available at the station. Should one become available in the future, they will inform us. Scheduling of patrols and coxswain/crew will be handled by Chuck McCarty,

**FC 53 Chuck McCarty:**

**Aids to Navigation** – Materials received and distributed.

**Communications** - Delta Net is operating every Monday at 1900 on 83A. We are interested in getting more participation from the division, and setting up some training, perhaps with RDF units.

**Communications Services** – New flotilla web site is in the works.

**Information Services** – All data entered and current.

**Marine Safety** – Two members attended the Marine Safety training at D-Train, four ferry vessel audits completed.

**Member Training** – Continuing with crew and coxswain academy. Two members completed PV exam, working on supervised visits. Three members passed the AUXPAT exam. Required IT refresher was offered at the March flotilla meeting.

**Operations** – Preparations underway for Lake Berryessa patrol. Received AOR map from Napa Sheriff's Dep't; meeting in the works with SO and Bureau of Reclamation, planning an AOR familiarity patrol in April with regular patrols to begin in May. Patrol is scheduled for 9 April.

FSO-OP Reports no patrol activity in March. Scheduled for Training Patrol with STA Rio Vista on Wed 9 Apr. Derfuss to attend Air Safety workshop and annual swim this Sat at CGI for annual Air Observer Quals. Polling Crew and crew candidates on a possible training patrol next Sat or Sun as well as who will be participating in Div 5 OPTREX. Derfuss received 2XL Sterns Coveralls thanks to the efforts of RCO Peralta and CWO Frost—Thanks

**Personnel Services** – ID card processing completed at the March flotilla meeting.

**Program Visitor** – Working with two marine dealers to set up boating safety classes.

**Public Affairs** – Conducted PA booth at Suisun Marina in conjunction with March VE station, another PA booth is planned for the Suisun Blessing of the Fleet, May 3 – the flotilla will also participate in the Blessing of the Fleet parade.

**Publications** – Next edition of *Delta Winds* is in preparation.

**Public Education** – BS&S class continuing at the Solano Yacht Club. We are exploring additional classes through Solano Community college.

**Vessel Examinations** – VE Stations scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at the Suisun launch ramp, Last station completed on 23 MAR.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles McCarty

**FC 55 Ray Van Cleave**

**FSO-VE:** Two examiners reporting with two VSC and two UPVE. Preparations are being made to have VSC Stations at the Bodega Bay Fish Fest, and Open House at the Coast Guard Station. Everyone is encouraged to come out for the Open House at Station Bodega Bay on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 0900 to 1400. This year in addition to the helicopter demonstration, the station is hoping to have a C-130 demonstration.

**FSO-PV:** Supplies were ordered and obtained for distribution to the Marine Dealers for the coming Boating Season. The State ABC booklet for 2008 is to be delivered this week. The three Program Visitors have completed their rounds contacting all of their stations.

**FSO-AN:** The forms for Patons and Bridges have been received and checking them will begin in April.

**FSO-MA:** FSO-PV and FSO-VE are ordering the materials directly from the California State Facilities for the flotilla and the station. Textbooks for the April 27<sup>th</sup> GPS class have arrived. VE decals have been ordered and we are waiting for delivery.

**FSO-PE:** We are ready for the April 27<sup>th</sup> GPS/Chart Reading Class with materials and sign ups. Class Flyers have been posted at all of the PV stations and we distributed at the Marine Swap Meet at West Marine on March 29<sup>th</sup>. We will also post flyers and give information at the Santa Rosa Boat Show and Bodega Bay Fish Fest.

**FSO-OP:** Two patrols were conducted with the station to train new personnel. April, with the Fish Fest and a request for three patrols from the station, will be a busy month. Salmon Fishing has been cancelled for the year, so many of the recreational fisherman are planning to switch to Albacore which will change our patrolling methods this boating/fishing season.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray G. Van Cleave, FC 55

**FC57 Jim Blackburn:**

- Budget committee has not completed their review.
- Flotilla 57, goals and objective approved for 2008.
- Explained the proposed NACO changes per DTRAIN meeting.
- Distributed all awards to members in attendance.
- Reviewed and explained new roster.
- Made notification regarding all required workshops and deadlines.
- Announced sexual harassment workshop that will be hosted prior to April/May meeting. Individuals will be notified when specific date is determined.
- Reviewed 2008 REYR reports to member in attendance.
- Reviewed and requested additional instructors for future PE classes.
- Event at Deer Valley School – Bill Becker manned the PA booth alone as other members were at D-train. A couple of good contacts were made with the head of a homeowners association and the public library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Blackburn, FC 57

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Sanchez DCP 5

**Rod Collins, DCP-6**

All Flotilla's in Division 6 are sending in ID renewals to DIRAUX.

On 20 MAR two buoy tenders, Aspen (YBI) and the George Cobb (San Pedro) come to the Monterey station. This was an event that was done in conjunction with the Navy League of Monterey. Several Auxiliary members and members of the public were able to go out on the Aspen to tend a buoy at Cypress Point. The officers from both ships attended a reception at the Monterey Maritime Museum while the crew members were bowling at the local bowling alley. All of this was paid for by the Navy league and Auxiliary.

Anthony Budlong, Flotilla 6-4 Monterey, made two different trips to Pt. Sur Lighthouse to monitor offshore traffic while the electricity was down.

**OP**

Flotilla 6-1, Morro Bay, is gearing up for their 2 major events in May. Morro Bay has 1 event in early May where they provide a regatta patrol for a Triathlon race at Lake San Antonio. They also have a safety patrol on Memorial Day weekend at Lake Nacimiento.

**PS**

One new member signed on for Flotilla 6-7, Santa Cruz.

Flotilla 6-4, Monterey, has 2 prospective members from their Can class.

**PE**

13 week BS&S Class running in Santa Cruz will be complete week of April 21

13 week Sailing Class running in Santa Cruz will be complete week of April 21

ACN classes running in Santa Cruz and Monterey will be complete week of April 21

ABS class starting MAY 8 and finishing on MAY 29 for Flotilla 6-4, Monterey.

**MT**

Director of Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Services was the guest speaker at the April meeting of Flotilla 6-7, Santa Cruz.

**NSBW**

An information booth is planned in Santa Cruz and Monterey and Morro Bay are still working out their plans.

**VE**

All Flotillas in Division 6 have had very little action in regards to VE's since Salmon season was cancelled.

Inspected one facility, 4VSC's, 23 RBS visits, 4 commercial examinations.

Vessel safety information booth and VE station is set for at West Marine Santa Cruz on April 26.

**Dick Hoelle, DCP-7**

1. Flotilla visits this month. None.

2. Activity since last report

Temperatures have remained cold therefore still have hard water in the Rockies, and continually getting snowstorms, which is good for the drought. Currently Lake Powell is to raise 50 ft. The lower valley Lakes such as Utah & Willard the ice is off. May be three to four more weeks before we see the ice off else where.

- a. There has been some VE activity and growing.
- b. Public Ed. Classes have begun
- c. UT. State Rangers Training at Utah Lake on April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> is completed. Received Lou Carroll's (Chair Person ) for this activity report fresh today. (Attached) The Division will recognize this team for their efforts. I don't know if there is an award from District or National for these members who do this every year?
- d. Jordanelle OPTREX on April 27<sup>th</sup> is not on schedule do to frozen water. Will know more at Div Board on the 22nd when the host flotilla -73 gives their report.

### 3. MOU – Utah

- a. Received the much looked for clarification and suggestions. Would like to thank everyone who helped with this matter. Mr. Steve Salmon, CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, Mr. Frost, Mr. Paul Newman, and Stephen Minutolo. If the update takes place on my watch Division -7 will follow through with your recommendations.

## END REPORT

### **Wayne Farnholtz, DCP-8**

#### Activities in the Division:

#### **8-6**

- Flotilla meetings are now being held on Saturdays to allow for more time to be spent at Samoa Station for meetings, training and organization.
- 8 hour TCT renewal class is scheduled in Orick for both flotilla 86 and 8-11.
- Planning is underway for NSBW with WO Jon Placido at Group to follow up on the “Blitz”, part of last year’s recruitment drive. Plans are to coordinate efforts with Humboldt State University and use one of their facilities.
- Efforts are being made to enlist the aid of members to take leadership positions.
- CG personnel, BM1 Eric Jones and BMC Stacy Brown are encouraging auxiliary members to get involved with Watch Standing, Crew Engineering, Work on Boats, Computer assistance at Group.
- Dock Walker Program training rescheduled to May 31 with Vivian Matuk from the Coastal Commission.
- The Samoa Station computers will be available for auxiliarists to take tests and training.

#### **8-7**

- Coast Guard weekly support activity for the maintenance of the Helo Fuel Depot at Pt. Arena is on hold until new parts arrive for the system.
- 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). Steve Nilson accomplished three minor and one major scheduled maintenance sessions on the Cabrillo Light house.
- The Flotilla members continue to work closely with Station Noyo River.
- Their detachment at Pt. Arena continues to meet Quarterly.

- The flotilla facility, Puffin, is now at Lake Mendocino and ready to deploy as the lake is now navigable.
- The next Division meeting will be held at Noyo River Station April 19 along with operations training.

### **8-8**

- Flotilla 88 will meet the first Saturday of the month at 1000 hours at the Yacht Club Facility, a new location in Lakeport, April 5.
- The Lake County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services is going to conduct a Mass Casualty Incident training exercise May 28<sup>th</sup> and is inviting all agencies and the AUX to participate.
- The membership phone tree is in place for emergency callouts.
- The Herron Festival will happen the weekend of April 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be at Clear Lake State Park.
- Mentors have been assigned to all new members.
- Ground School for Crew Trainees is set to begin April 17 and will run for five weeks.
- RCO Perata plans to be on site for the NSBW at Clear Lake.
- NSBW plans include life jacket give away at Wal-Mart in Clear lake and Ukiah if the grants come through.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Feed at Noyo Station was completed March 19.

### **8-11**

- Flotilla 8-11 and Station Humboldt Bay completed a Stand-up meeting, and the new standing rules for the operation of the Coast Guard Safe Boat 254851 were discussed with the new procedures implemented.
- Coxswain, crewmembers, and trainees are operating the USCG Safe Boat, and they are on 24/7 Standby.
- Ops exercise with two Districts, three units and a mix of four CG and five AUX was conducted March 1<sup>st</sup> using the 8-11 25' rescue boat and a 25' Defender class rescue boat from Station Chetco River in Brookings Oregon.

### **Monica Eaton, DCP-10**

#### **Flotilla 10-02**

- We recently got hooked up with MJC for BS&S course on June 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be on the front cover for Public Education. Mike Rafatti should be commended.

#### **Flotilla 10-03**

- March was a busy month for the Flotilla. We had four members attend First Aid and CPR training held by the Civil Air Patrol through the American Heart Association. The Flotilla staffed the Registration Table detail three days of DTRAIN 2008, and the Stockton Flotilla received the District First Place Award for RBS Partner Visits. Two members received District Awards also – Barbara Leonardi First Place RBS-Partner Visits, and Tony Leonardi Second Place VSC's. We held a Member training day on the last Saturday of March that included all the annual required training workshops.
- We also had a number of members transfer into the Flotilla in March and early April; Stephen Bordi, Jerry Bynum, Patricia Toomer, Barbara Matthias, Gene Matthias, James Rhoads, Anna Sipes, and Jasper Sipes.
- April looks like another busy month for the Flotilla. On April 9<sup>th</sup> before our monthly meeting the Flotilla is hosting the California Department of Boating and Waterways to present a Dockwalker workshop for the community. On April 12<sup>th</sup> the Flotilla VE department is conducting vessel safety checks at the Stockton Sailing Club for the Blessing of the Fleet. Then on April 26<sup>th</sup> the Flotilla PE department will be offering another American Boating Safety Course at Dameron Hospital Annex.

#### **Flotilla 10-05**

- Most will be working with 10-6 on OPTREX this weekend. We participated in Big hat days where we had a recruiting booth.
- We have 3 new members who will be attending the OPTREX.
- We are close to completing the paperwork for obtaining a 21 foot inflatable boat for the Flotilla.

#### **Flotilla 10-06**

- March was a busy month. We had held Program Visitor training and now have 5 additional members certified as PV's. Three members attended D-Train. Planning continued for the OPTREX to be held at Lake Kaweah on April 11-13, 2008. A total of approximately 15 members from three flotillas should participate. All participants will be able to complete all annual requirements on this one weekend. As Flotilla Commander, I wish to thank all of the individuals who have worked so diligently to provide this training.
- Another ABC class was held for two individuals. On the 20<sup>th</sup> for the Mid-Month Meeting, 8 members gave blood at the local blood bank. It was almost a 50 percent participation rate, of the members who did not give blood, many had health issues which precluded their participation. Afterwards, everyone joined in a pizza feed two doors down, and a good time was had by all.

#### **Diana Kincade, DCP-11**

**MSST Drill on the *MS Dixie*** – Eight members of Division 11 will be participating in a Marine Safety and Security Team (MSST-SF 91105) exercise on the *MS Dixie Paddlewheel* on the morning of April 22. The training scenario will have the MSST retaking the *MS Dixie* from some "bad guys" (played by "Coasties" from Station Tahoe) using two of their 23 foot "over the horizon" cutter boats. Due to the high law enforcement content of the exercise Auxiliaries will participate only as "tourist passengers" on the *Dixie*.

### **National Safe Boating Week Activities:**

Sand Harbor Spring Paddle May 17 – The Lake Tahoe Water Trail Committee has invited Flotilla 01 to present a kayak safety session at their Spring Paddle event. The two organizations plan to kick off NSBW by bringing attention to the Lake Tahoe Kayak Water Trail and kayak safety on the Lake.

Boats and Kids, Tahoe City Elementary School – Ray Wise SO-VE and Dee Dee Kincade DCP will be hosting two events during NSBW at the local Elementary School. The kindergarten class will be participating in a coloring contest and visit to Coast Guard Station Lake Tahoe. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be attending youth boating safety sessions.

### **Memorial Day Weekend Activities:**

VE Day at Meeks Bay Marina May 24 – Flotillas 01 and 04 will be conducting their annual VE Day on the west shore of Lake Tahoe. Memorial Day kicks off the summer boating season on the Lake.

Mike Brown's Slash-In May 26– The Auxiliary has been asked to conduct a safety patrols for the Mike Brown's Splash-In. Seaplanes from all around the country fly in for a barbecue at Obexer's Boat Yard on the west shore of Lake Tahoe. The event is associated with the annual Lake Tahoe West Shore Association's Opening Day Festivities at Obexer's Boat Yard, with the barbecue being sponsored by California Chris Craft of Lake Tahoe. Auxiliarists are also invited to the barbecue.

Member Training – Flotilla 03 started an AUXWEA class this month. As part of the class FSO-MT 03 has set up a formal training session with the National Weather Service (NOAA) in Reno on May 17.

Operations – Joint patrols with the Coast Guard are being conducted next weekend for the Hook, Line and Sinker Fishing Derby on the April 19-20. Our first Lake Tahoe patrol of the season was conducted with a new facility from our Carson City Flotilla 05. We are still conducting patrols in MSD900 Suits.

Public Education – PE classes have started in full swing this month. Flotilla 03 held ABS classes on March 15 and April 5 in Reno. Flotilla 01 conducted it's first "How to Read a Nautical Chart" class on April 5 and will follow up with a Kayak Safety class on April 26. The Kayak Safety Class will be held in conjunction with EcoSports of Kings Beach. An in-the-water assisted and non-assisted water rescue will be demonstrated by EcoSports. This is a major concern this time of year due to COLD water early in the season. Flotilla 04 is offering a GPS class to the members of the Windjammers Yacht Club on April 21.

COMO Robert Phifer Award– The local papers ran articles on the presentation of the Phifer Award to CG Station Lake Tahoe. Station Tahoe and Division 11 are pleased and honored to receive the award.

### **Pat O'Leary, DCP-12**

Executive Summary:

1. Division 12 held its first OPTREX of the year April 12-13. A lot of excellent training took place. Members from four Divisions took part in the training. Some issues with QE response effected overall success of the event. Well done all!
2. Issues with SO-FN have been resolved. 7025 has been submitted and approved by DSO-FN.
3. About 23% of ATONS have been inspected.
4. D12 will not be participating in the Simply Sail Boat show this weekend because they were not able to provide table-space. Rather we will be participating in the NCMA show starting on Apr 24th.
5. Div 12 provided a tailored ABC course for CALTRANS April 7-9<sup>th</sup>.
6. Efforts continue to updated Division/Flotilla websites.
7. Member Activity Nov-Dec: 2267.5 All-Mission Hours.
8. Next Division meeting is scheduled for April 24th at 7:30PM at the Executive Inn in Oakland.

#### PA events:

1. Simply Sail was not able to provide the USCG Auxiliary with a table in the tent. As such this year we will not be participating in this event.
2. We have secured a booth for the NCMA powerboat show scheduled for Apr 24th-27<sup>th</sup>.
3. VE Station scheduled for Emeryville cove/Emeryville marinas.
4. VE Station at Balina Bay marina held in conjunction with National safe boating week.
5. Successful PA/VE station held at the Berkley marina on April 12th.

#### Member Training:

1. OPTREX scheduled for Apr 12-13th – While originally scheduled for a two-day QE event, QEs were only made available for one day. This information was only disseminated on the day that they QEs were there. Per Gail Ramsey, the QEs are now only going to work on Saturdays during OPTREXs. This information needs to be re-thought.
2. A number of AUXOP courses are scheduled for 2008.
3. Working to get REYR VE's brought back to current. The SO\_VE will be at our next meeting.
4. Expect a number of new Instructors to be qualified this weekend.

#### Public Education:

1. ABS course delivered to CALTRANS April 7th-9th.
2. Flotillas have public education classes in progress continuing through the year. Schedules are in the works for the coming year:
3. 12-5 will conduct a ABC course in conjunction with West Marine partnership.
4. 12-2 will conduct ABC course at the Executive Inn.

#### Operational Patrols and VE Station:

1. Our Flotillas reported several VE stations at different Marinas.
2. Several Sea-Air-Land patrols reported.

#### Initiatives:

1. OPTREX Debrief scheduled for April 20th. Feedback from this event will be used as input for our next OPTREX.
2. We will be conducting several MT events in the upcoming months. Broad subjects will be AUXOP, Boat Crew and Coxswain.

#### Issues:

No significant issues on the horizon.

All Hours:

The following table details Member Activity during the period of this report.

MEMBER ACTIVITY	TOTAL BY		
	FEB	MAR	MISSION TYPE
ATON - Aids To Navigation (30,31,32)	1.0	4.0	5.0
AUXADMN - Aux Administrative Support (99)	896.0	335.5	1231.5
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	13.8	17.8	31.6
CGADMN - Cg Administrative Support (08,92)	97.0	66.0	163.0
CGOPS - Cg Operational Support (07,20,22,26)	116.0	94.0	210.0
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	23.0	11.0	34.0
LO - Legislative Outreach	3.0	0.0	3.0
MS - Marine Safety	168.5	190.5	359.0
MT - Member Training (06)	5.0	14.0	19.0
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	0.0	2.2	2.2
UPA - Public Affairs (10)	89.0	51.5	140.5
UPE - Public Education (04)	29.0	31.7	60.7
VSC - Vessel Safety Check (91)	6.0	2.0	8.0
All Missions	1447.3	820.2	2267.5

**NOTE:** Activity reported during the current month is incomplete.

Respectfully submitted  
Pat O'Leary, DCP 12

**Jimmin Chang, RCO-MS**

1. Thank you to all who contributed to the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance fund in the March D11NR Board and Staff Meeting. It was 338% increase from that received in 2006. The official campaign will run from 1 April to 30 April 2008, although contributions will be accepted and encouraged throughout the year. Each Auxiliary member should have received the campaign package at their home address. Please ask FCs to remind members to contribute. The goal is to get all members to participate, with even only a few dollars of donation. If a member does not receive info in the mail, they can go on-line to get a contribution form at:

[http://www.cgmahq.org/Manual/Download/Forms/CGMA\\_46.pdf](http://www.cgmahq.org/Manual/Download/Forms/CGMA_46.pdf)

NOTE: Coast Guard Mutual Assistance is the Coast Guard's own relief society, providing financial assistance to all families in the Coast Guard community, **Auxiliary families included**. In 2007, Auxiliarists received \$22,229 in financial assistance, and District 11NR contributed \$2,627.

2. The April edition of the District newsletter, Northwind, has been published. Thanks to George Knies, DSO-PB, and various District Staff Officers who contributed. I encourage DCP to submit articles on events in their Division. Example would be the Buoy Tender visit to the Monterey area.

3. Bill Kinsey, DSO-PA invited his ADSOs to a staff meeting on the USS Hornet in Alameda last weekend. Great to see that they were working with George Knies, DSO-PB, also in their planning.
4. Excellent to see Division One, Sue Fry, is conducting an official Instructor Training Course, with formal practicum teaching sessions. Division MT should do more mentoring and training for PE and MT instructors using the new Instructor development program.
5. I had the honor to help as the senior Chinese Interpreter in the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum Expert Meeting in Seattle WA during March 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Delegations from Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Russia and U.S. met and fostered cooperation of the partner service in the region.

## **Steve Salmon, RCO-OMS**

### **Operational Events**

Spring has sprung. If you didn't know it from the calendar or the weather, you would know it from the numerous on-the-water events being scheduled. In addition to Division Optrexes and normal patrols, we had a regatta at Folsom Lake on April 12 and 13, we have a race involving 60 to 80 rowing shells on April 20, then the North Bay version of Opening Day and the Blessing of the Fleet on April 27, outrigger canoe races on May 10 and the KFOG KABOOM fireworks that night, and the Summer Sailstice event on Treasure Island on June 21 and 22,

District and Sector PA officers have also scheduled a series of events leading up to National Safe Boating Week. The first one, on March 11, had Auxiliary vessel *Melody* playing the role of an intruder into the safety zone around the Chevron Long Wharf. On March 27, Auxiliary vessel *Silver Charm* played the role of a vessel in distress, while a rescue swimmer was lowered from a Coast Guard helicopter. A reporter on board *Silver Charm* wrote an article about it in the *Chronicle*, and TV crews filmed it from the Cutter *Hawksbill*. They also interviewed the cutter's skipper about false distress calls, and talked to me briefly about vessel safety checks (although only about two seconds of that made it into the TV broadcast). The next event is scheduled for April 15, with an Auxiliary vessel participating in a boat-on-fire scenario.

### **Summer Patrol Policy**

As previously announced to coxswains and crew, Sector has approved the same policy as last summer, allowing for patrols on Fridays and Mondays as well as weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

### **Communications**

DSO-CM participated in yet another dramatic rescue this month. On the evening of April 13, Jeff Price noticed a person floating in the water off Coyote Point. The Coyote Point Harbormaster was able to retrieve the person and transfer him to a Coast Guard vessel. He was transferred to the Mills Peninsula Medical Center, where he was reported to be in stable condition. Coast Guard authorities say that Jeff's alertness and prompt response undoubtedly saved the man's life.

### **DSAR**

At least two divisions are preparing teams to participate in the District Search and Rescue competition on June 7, and hopefully other divisions will as well. If formation of a division team is not feasible, interested individuals from different divisions may be combined into a team. The

planning committee held another meeting, and development of the contest events seems to be well in hand.

### **Contingency Planning Volunteers**

I received ten responses to the call for volunteers interested in helping Sector's Contingency Planning Department. Many of them have impressive experience in contingency planning and related activities. I have forwarded their resumes and contact information, but so far have heard nothing from the department on how they would like to proceed. This appears to be an area where the Auxiliary can be of material support to Sector, so I hope to hear something further shortly.

### **America's Waterway Watch**

The pilot program for America's Waterway Watch in Division 1 has shifted into high gear, with appointment of representatives in each flotilla, and a detailed plan for implementation, worked out in conjunction with Sector San Francisco. In early May, DCP-1 Bob Hendry will serve as our representative at a multi-agency Small Vessel Security Summit in Long Beach, California, where AWW is a significant part of the agenda.

### **Awards**

I was pleased to attend a barbecue luncheon on April 12, where the crew of the Cutter Tern honored Chuck Atchison for his many years of service to the cutter (and the Cutter Point Brower before that). Chuck received the Medal of Operational Merit, as well as a plaque and appreciative letters from past skippers and others. At other meetings, I've been glad to see Auxiliarists who are Ferry Vessel Auditors receiving the Meritorious Team Commendation.

In both cases, these are richly deserved recognition.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen R. Salmon, RCO-OMS