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### **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,

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