



# August 2023 DSO-PB REPORT

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1.) NORTHWIND 3rd<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Publication Draft Layout was completed prior to our cancelled August 2023 staff meeting. Gail Giacomini ADSO-PB was top-notch in editing and contributing articles for Q3 2023 as well as, Tiffany Townsend ADSO-PB, and Louis Sarto ADSO-PB. The same team members have contributed to our past NORTHWIND quarters.




2.) NORTHWIND is on schedule for expected approval and release in the beginning of September 2023.

3.) Q3 content will include a selection of contributed articles and reports from around our district that includes a photo collection of Helicopter and Auxiliary Facility and crew participation by Lou Sarto and an feature article by Tiffany Townsend “Silver Charm’s Millennium Patrol.” Article and photoaugmentation for Bodega Bay boat station Change of Command and a retirement ceremony retirement celebration. Two history pieces on the history of the USCG Fort Point Life-boat Station which was replaced by Station Golden.

4.) Major history of Air Station San Francisco along with a piece by Gail Gicamomi on District 11N’s AUXAIR and our District’s Auxiliary aviation assets (planes).

5.) Coverage of several major boat shows with District 11 Divisions and Flotillas participation, are to be included besides the already submitted Utah Boating Shows and multi-agency training, submitted by Linda Visner.. Also, a call out to Jane Smith DSO-PA and COMO Wally Smith DSO-OPS for their staff reports which have been key in contributing article material representing the Monterey and Santa Cruze regional area to NORTHWIND. I will mention again Lou Sarto, Tiffany Townsed, and Gail Giacomini for their article contributions to the upcoming Q3 NORTHWIND.

6.) Q3 will have a continuation of boating season articles on safety training and other pertinent articles including a request for interesting Aux Air article content and amazing photography.

 <p>U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary District 11 North, Quarterly Magazine, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July-September 2023</p>  <p>ALAMEDA, Calif. — USCGC Stratton 752 assisted by tractor tugboat in a 180-degree maneuver to its assigned berthing position, at Coast Guard Island on its return from Pacific area deployment, taken by Roger Bazeley AUXPA3</p> <p><b>Q3 2023</b></p> <p>3rd Quarter 2023</p>	<h3>Silver Charm’s Millennium Patrol</h3> <p>By Tiffany Townsend, AUXPA3</p> <p>While any Coast Guard Auxiliarist may offer their boat as an operational facility, few have devoted their time and energy to the extent of Eleventh District Northern Region’s Linda Vietter and Terry Blanchard. A 1992 boating safety class at Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco motivated Vietter and Blanchard to join the Auxiliary. They became boat crewmembers in 1994. “My late wife Linda and I became crew-qualified, and after a few years of crewing on others’ boats, we decided to get our own vessel,” reflected Blanchard. They served as crew aboard a number of Auxiliary assets, including their own Auxiliary Operational Facility (OPFAC) Tuggles, a 26-foot red and white Murphy tugboat.</p> <p>With several years of Auxiliary boat crew experience, the couple began searching for a custom-built boat that would suit their patrol needs. They made multiple trips to the Pacific Northwest during the fall and winter of 1998-99, visiting multiple builders from Puget Sound to British Columbia. “We picked up a free boating magazine and found an ad for Dagle Welding in Campbell River on Vancouver Island,” explained Blanchard. Dagle Marine builds commercial and recreational Eagle-Craft boats, ranging from water taxis and patrol vessels to recreational fishing boats and luxury cruisers.</p>   <p>SAN FRANCISCO — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Coxswain Terry Blanchard is at the helm of Operational Facility Silver Charm during Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco Standardization (STAN) Team training on Monday, March 7, 2022. MH-65 Dolphin helicopter rescue teams are assessed annually by examiners from Aviation Training Center (ATC) Mobile, Ala., ensuring Coast Guard aviation forces are using the best equipment and tactics to successfully complete all required missions. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Tiffany Townsend AUXPA3</p> <p>SAUSALITO, Calif. — In recognition of 2023 National Safe Boating Week, Eleventh District Northern Region Coast Guard Aerialists and local first responders host a Water Safety Fair at U.S. Coast Guard Station Golden Gate on Sausalito on May 20, 2023. Auxiliary Operational Facility Silver Charm crewmembers promote recreational boating safety while conducting asset tours for the public during this annual open house at the motor Hobart Station. From left, facility owner Terry Blanchard, Herman Halusa, Anne Galb, Coxswain Pete Gorenberg, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Tiffany Townsend, AUXPA3</p> <p>3rd Quarter 2023</p>	<h3>Silver Charm’s Millennium Patrol</h3>  <p>Alameda, Calif. — Left: June 17<sup>th</sup> staff meeting assembly. Right to left: Captain Lam, Sector SF Commander presenting special award to Terry Blanchard for over 1,000 patrol missions with Auxiliary OPFAC Silver Charm, as coxswain. (Photo by Roger Bazeley AUXPA3)</p>  <p>SAN FRANCISCO — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Coxswain Terry Blanchard went aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco MH-65 Dolphin helicopter following a rescue swimmer demonstration on Hornetboat Coast Guard’s Water Safety Fair on May 21, 2022. Coast Guard motor Helboat and Auxiliary operational facility tours were offered. USCGAUX photo by Tiffany Townsend, AUXPA3</p>  <p>SAN FRANCISCO — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Operational Facility Silver Charm embarks on a day of operational training exercises on the San Francisco Bay on March 6, 2023. USCG Auxiliary photo by Tiffany Townsend, AUXPA3</p> <p>3rd Quarter 2023</p>
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