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District 11 Northern Region**
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To: EXCOM, District Board/Staff
From: D11N RESPONSE TEAM (ASC, DSO-AV, DSO-CM, DSO-OP)
Subject: D11N RESPONSE Report/ Respectfully Submitted

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CWO Colin D. Langeslay, AUXLO, SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO:

As I continue to grow into this position, one thing I've noticed is we're all busy. The work never ends and it seems as though we're juggling numerous projects all at the same time. The good news is I see progress, forward movement, and results...lots of results. But there's always more to do, so I ask each of you to help wherever possible. Look for the opportunity to improve anywhere it presents itself. Rob Firehock is currently working on updating our Land Mobile program; we need more assets in Bay area that can support helo-ops; the CG Auxiliary needs us to recruit new members, the ones who'll carry on the work once we're gone. In the end I'll say if we all do a little, we can accomplish much.

Be safe out there!

v/r,
~CDL

CWO Curtis Barthel, AUXLO, SECTOR HUMBOLDT:

From your OIA in Sector Humboldt Bay

Spring is in the air and we are gearing up to get back on the water. While the temperatures are climbing, the water will take some time. Coxswains are reminded to check that water temperature and make sure they have the proper PPE.

The helo crews would like to pass along “thanks” to all the support they are getting from the Crescent City crews. It really helps them maintaining their quals being able to hoist on the weekends.

March 20th we kick off going back to Whiskeytown to hoist with EAGLE 1. The flight crews are really looking forward to the warm sunshine and not having to wear their dry suits.

When you are out there doing training, don't always get in the same old rut. I know it's hard if you are always towing the same boat or always doing the same drills, but find new ways to make the training more creative. Come up with different scenarios. Try doing a man overboard, where the coxswain is the man overboard and let the crew do all the work. See how they react. Remember, be safe and always try to have a safety observer when doing drills.

Let's make it a fun and safe 2015 boating season. See you all at D-train in March, Antlers in April, Clear Lake in May, and the Wisconsin River in June.

Curt

CWO Matthew D. James (OTO REPORT)

Spring is springing shipmates! Old Man Winter was pretty kind to most of us this season, although he didn't seem to bring us much rain. Many of you that closed down operations for the season are probably thinking about pulling things out of storage and gearing up to return to the water. I know that at least 115 of you are due for currency check-rides this season. I trust you are as eager to get out there as I am.

Working with Other Government Agencies

I know we covered this subject a couple of years ago, but it was brought up again by the Chain of Leadership and bears repeating every now and then. Sometimes, individual Auxiliary members are contacted by members of local fire/EMS/police/SAR organizations that are looking for help. Maybe they just bought a shiny new boat with grant money and are looking to you for training on how to operate the vessel. You are permitted to assist, but there are limitations and steps that must be followed:

1. If the agency member contacts you, advise them they need to submit a formal request for assistance to the cognizant CG commander. In nearly every case this will be the OIA. The

request can be in email form. I'd request you also copy d11auxnorthern@uscg.mil on the request, so we have visibility.

2. The OIA will review the request and assign the appropriate resources if it's a need the CG can fill. It is very important to note that Active Duty CG rarely gets in the business of teaching other agencies how to operate their boats. Same goes for Auxiliary.

3. Per 5.J.5 of the AUXMAN; if you circumvent the OIA in this process, you and your crew will not be covered for liability and your patrol expenses will not be reimbursed.

4. Auxiliary may provide instruction if directed by the OIA. You may only teach from the approved PE courses with a certified instructor leading the class. You cannot deviate from the approved courses; this means you cannot teach assistance towing, search patters, etc. On the water instruction is also authorized per the current PE guidance for OWT.

5. One-time events may be authorized by the Director if the Auxiliary meets a specific need requested by the OGA.

There is a difference between providing training and jointly training with a partner agency. Subject to OIA approval (usually via AOMS), you are welcome to conduct two-boat training and SAREX's with partner agencies. Pre-briefs and de-briefs are strongly encouraged, but you need to be careful about crossing the line into instructing.

The point here is the Auxiliary's mission is to support Recreational Boating Safety...I'll repeat that...Recreational Boating Safety. It is not our mission to turn firefighters or lifeguards into maritime SAR professionals. Please be careful about what you offer partner agencies. We have no legal basis for certifying any non-CG personnel in SAR, Towing, Navigation, etc. If you were to provide that training and the partner agency used that training as their basis for operating, they and we might be at risk for liability if a mishap occurs. There are dozens of different scenarios that might come into play with this topic. My guidance to you is to resist the urge to overpromise to our partners. Engage your OIA to make sure we are playing in between the sidelines.

Inflatable PFD's

I'm still receiving questions from the field regarding inflatable PFD's. Please refer to previous months OTO notes regarding the authorized models. You cannot wear your inflatable PFD over your Boat Crew Survival Vest. The survival equipment must be properly tied into the approved equipment pouch. Contact me if you need the ordering info for the equipment pouch. I do not anticipate having funds to buy pouches this fiscal year.

PLB's

We are still awaiting the release of the ALCOAST updating the requirements from the RSSM. The guidance for Personal Locator Beacons is the same, we will have until December 2015 to issue PLB's to all members operating on the water. I'm going to tailor the issuance by

division based on their make-up of facilities and operators. I'm waiting for our final budget authority before I spend more than \$41k on PLB's. For the time being, I will continue to replace coxswain, pilot, and PWO PLB's on an attrition basis.

D-Train

I strongly encourage any of you within a reasonable drive of San Jose to consider coming to D-Train. FSO-OP's and FSO-MA's should benefit greatly from my block of instruction on the PPE program. Plus, we will be facilitating the Operations Workshop on Sunday; loads of fun to be had by all.

Thanks. See you on the water.

ASC-SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO REPORT – COMO V. CONNELL:

Continuing Rescue 21 outages coverage: SECSF is continuing to request AUX marine VHF radio assets in support of Rescue 21 outages. AUX Land Mobile units near Bodega Bay and the AUX maintained repeater on Mt Um are supporting this mission, listening for distress calls while Rescue 21 is temporarily stood down for updates.

It is unclear whether or not there will be a "Titans of Mavericks" surfing event this annual cycle. The deadline is 30 MAR for having the event if conditions are right. Event organizers have indicated that there will be no on-shore access/activities this year, due to concerns about spectator safety. It is expected that if the event occurs, there will be a large number of recreational boaters on the water viewing the event.

Several AUXFS volunteers recently help support the CWO annual social event on CGI by helping to prepare and serve attendees.

ASC-SECTOR HUMBOLDT REPORT – CARL PIERCE:

Division 8 continues to support Coast Guard, Sector Humboldt:

Flotilla 8-7: Continues to support the Noyo CG Station in the following areas:

1. Maintain the Helo Fuel Dump, stands ready to fuel the Helo when needed.
2. Complete monthly inspection of PPEs at Noyo River C. G. Boat Station and provides ongoing boat training for the station.
3. Continue to provide the C. G. with weekly maintenance of the exterior glass enclosure of the lens, at the Pt. Cabrillo lighthouse as well as quarterly maintenance of lens.

Flotilla 8-11: Continues to support the Coast Guard station at Crescent City by:

1. Continuing to provide SAR coverage 24 hours, four days a week and are available 24/7 for call outs on a variety of assistance on non scheduled days.
2. Maintaining trained crews, by Coast Guard Standards, to operate the RB S11.
3. When requested, provide coverage for helo/swimmer training every month, weather permitting.
4. Maintain Coast Guard PPE assigned to 8-11's use.

I will continue to work with CWO Curtis Barthel at Sector Humboldt.

End of Report:

Submitted by Carl J. Pierce, DCDR Division 8

02 MAR 2015

DSO-AV REPORT:

AuxAir is flying three to four missions each week, with most flights along the coast between San Louis Obispo to the south and Gualala River to the north. Our flights are usually in response to specific requests from Sector and the Air Station. We are assisting the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and our partner agencies.

We are preparing for our spring Aviation Safety Workshop, which will be at Coast Guard island on Saturday, 11 April 2015. We will also have our swim test and egress exercise at the pool. We are all looking forward to DTRAIN and the interesting sessions scheduled for this event.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Olson
DSO-AV

DSO-COMS REPORT:

Greetings to all District 11 Northern Region Communicators

The Communications staff has been coordinating with not only Sector San Francisco but also National Communications leaders to clarify current and prepare to implement updated policy and procedures

In coordination with our Gold Side clients, CM staff continues to work on a review of the Land Mobile program in D11. Issues include surveying current resources, reviewing risk management policies and practices, confirming Coast Guard needs and expectations, and exploring ways to maintain a robust LM team District-wide that is responsive to operational requirements.

We have two classes scheduled for DTrain will be of significant interest to all District Deputy District Staff Office Communications, Rob Firehock will update those attending on the District Communications program.

Fred Sellstrom, ADSO-CM has prepared a very informative course concerning antenna selection and placement. This instruction is valuable for both High Frequency as well as VHF Land Mobile or Fixed Station operators'.

VHF Weekly Nets

Weekly in the bay area a VHF net is being conducted. For those qualified TCO communicators please contact Fred Sellstrom to participate. Members have expressed interest

in receiving relevant training during the conduct of the net. Members who have a suggested topic should contact Fred and provide your input. Topics must be relevant and the time limited to the topic of short duration. Those members who will be changing antenna location at their Fixed Station or determine the optimal land mobile antenna configuration as well as broadcast and receive location should consider joining in this activity. Division 7 hosts a weekly net as well and members participate to not only test their equipment but also receive training on a variety of communication related topics. Morris Farmer is the net organizer in Utah.

HF Weekly Nets

For those members who have a fixed or mobile HF station may participate in a number of HF nets conducted weekly. Those who are qualified do not hesitate to contact me and I can get you the specific information. Those participating must be in the National HF registry. The HF registry is being updated and the expectation is that a new updated roster will soon be published.

Communication Exercises

Your CM team is in the process of conceptualizing, drafting and publishing a District wide communications exercise late this coming summer. Eric Simmons our new ADSO-CM for exercise along with other CM Staff members at the District, Division and Flotilla level will participate. Additionally we will coordinate with the DSO-OP and DSO-IM (incident management) to develop appropriate scenarios.

Plans are moving forward to conduct a West Coast Communication Exercise to be conducted in the late summer of 2016. This will include coordination with our Gold Side clients as well as the other West Coast Districts. It is anticipated VHF, HF and digital communication will be employed and tested.

A quick shout out to your ADSO-CM staff officers who continue to provide exceptional planning, guidance and expertise as we seek to improve our capability to respond to the varied missions we may be assigned.

COMO Michael L. Williams DSO-CM

DSO-OP REPORT:

When you have Active Duty on board your Facility **do not** put the Coast Guard member's Employee Identification Number (EMPLID) in AOMS. Add their name into the comments. With prior approval the Order Issuing Authority will use the "crew override" function to allow the less than minimum crew with the Active Duty on board. Coast Guard Head Quarters ruled that putting an Active Duty CG member's EMPLID into AOMS is a PII violation. Personally identifiable information (**PII**) is any data that could potentially identify a specific individual. Any information that can be used to distinguish one person from another and can be used for de-anonymizing anonymous data can be considered **PII**.

Nav Rules are available on-line at various sources. There are also commercial sources for the new NavRules (Fall 2014). Do not see it yet at the Government Printing Office so the cost

there is unknown. Or you can print your own, 202 pages from <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=navRuleChanges>. All depends on the cost of paper, time and printer cartridge; your choice.

OFFER FOR USE FORMS: Be sure to send in photo of Facilities (Land, Sea and Air) at the same time as forms. Facilities need to have the appropriate markings showing in photo, all signage and flag. These can be scanned and sent to the D11N mail box, D11-SMB-D11AUX-Northern.

Reminder on the Safety Light. Auxiliary vessel facilities may use the public safety vessel ID light while under orders in the following situations:

- When patrolling regattas and marine events.
- When helping Coast Guard forces in maintaining security zones during such events as shuttle launches and hazardous cargo transfers.
- When needed for **brief** periods of identification of the Auxiliary facility. These periods include helping a boat in distress locate the Auxiliary facility during a SAR case, warning boats away from a hazardous situation, or when SAR activity takes place within the boundaries of regattas, marine events, or security zones. **The red/amber light is not to be used for towing.**

D11N 2015 Operations Workshop will be presented at DTRAIN and then placed on our DISTRICT WEB Site along with the required 1 HOUR TCT (unless you take the 4/8 Hour TCT this year). Please do not use the National Version of the OPS Workshop since that does not pertain to our specific needs.

AUXAIR Patrols for CY2015:

Mission Hours as values		11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
AUX_AIR - Cg Auxiliary Aircraft	N182SG	14.60	0.00	14.60
FXGR - Fixed Gear	N777PM	61.30	0.00	61.30
RTGR - Retractable Gear	N2260S	21.20	7.70	28.90
Aircraft		97.10	7.70	104.80

Land Mobile Patrols for CY2015:

[Cube questions should be directed to Harry Schoepe, BC-ISL@cgaux.org. Cube last refreshed on Sunday, March 08, 2015.](#)

[All Missions][Sector San Francisco][Radio][All Unit Locations][All Activities][CY 2014][All Statuses][All Positions][All Operations][All Claimants]MEASU

Mission Hours as values			11NR - Div 01	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 06	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	CHART - Aton/Chart Update Patrol (03)	MOBILE - Mobile Radio Facility	0.00	16.70	0.00	0.00	16.70
	MOM - (01a) Maritime Observation	MOBILE - Mobile Radio Facility	29.50	186.40	53.90	10.60	280.40
	AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)			29.50	203.10	53.90	10.60
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	SAR - (24) Sar Prosecution	MOBILE - Mobile Radio Facility	37.20	0.00	4.80	2.80	44.80
	SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)		37.20	0.00	4.80	2.80	44.80

**AUX SURFACE
FACILITIES
UNDERWAY**

Mission Hours as values	11NR - Div 01	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 04	11NR - Div 05	11NR - Div 06	11NR - Div 07	11NR - Div 08	11NR - Div 11	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
OPS	152.30	65.80	30.00	174.60	192.00	5.50	119.80	108.40	52.00	900.40
U/W - Underway	152.30	65.80	30.00	174.60	192.00	5.50	119.80	108.40	52.00	900.40

OPS CALENDAR:

<u>For flyers, regarding these events please go to the District Calendar:</u>		
<i>2015 OPERATIONS OPEX/OPTREX EXENT CALENDAR FOR DISTRICT ELEVEN NORTH</i>		
APR 30-MAY 3RD	FLT 3-9	ANTLERS, LK SHASTA, CONTACT: CARL PIERCE
MAY-09TH	DIVISION 1	BERKELEY YACHT CLUB, CONTACT: R. CELIA
MAY 15TH-16TH	FLT 08-08	LAKE COUNTY OPTREX- CLEAR LAKE
JUN 13TH	DIV 5	TBA - WIL SUMNER
JULY 25TH	DIV 11, LK TAIHOE	CONTACT: LINDA HAYNES
AUG 7TH-8TH	DIV 7 OPTREX	UTAH - <i>NOTE DATE CHANGE</i>
SEP 12TH-13TH	FLT 06-07	SANTA CRUZ: CONTACT INFO TBA
OCT 3RD-4TH	DIV 10	MILLERTON: CONTACT ROD ROLLINS

Respectfully, Gail L Ramsey, DSO-OPS