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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

Hello shipmates from Sector San Francisco.

Wow! Does anyone else feel as though 2014 went by way too fast, or is it just me? Looking over the accomplishments of what 113 Eleventh Northern region accomplishes throughout the year, is nothing short of impressive. Your support across a wide spectrum of missions never ceases to amaze me.

My previous experience with the Auxiliary prior to this position was wondering when Santa joined the Coast Guard (insert picture white bearded AUX member walking across Training Center Yorktown in tropes). Now, in a relatively short 5 months of being here, I have come to the realization that you all are awesome! I feel as though similar to the Active Duty side, that the average American has no idea what you really do and how well you do it.

Thanks to the warm reception I've received wherever I've been fortunate to join you for gatherings, or events such as Fleet Week. The AUX/AIR members rolled out the red carpet for me at their Safety stand down event in Sacramento and the food was delicious.

As we move forward into 2015, there's plenty on the horizon for us to do and I'm positive the Auxiliary stands ready to answer the call. Thanks for all you do, God bless you all, and Semper Paratus!

v/r,
~Colin

CWO Curtis Barthel, AUXLO, SECTOR HUMBOLDT:

From your OIA in Sector Humboldt Bay:

I would like to thank all the coxswains and crews for their hard work in 2015. While our overall patrols were down a bit, the ones we did have were very productive. I will take quality over quantity any day. I would also like to thank all coxswains for getting their orders completed in AOM in a timely manner. You have no idea how that helps the bean counters keep track of the money. Most of the orders where in the system either the next day or the day after. Again, great job.

I am really looking forward to an exciting start to 2015. For those that don't know yet, I will be retiring on June 19th, 2015. I plan to make my last 6 months, the best 6 months of my career. My replacement has been identified, and I am sure the folks from Sector San Fran can vouch for the outstanding support they will continue to receive from CWO Thomas Moore from Sta Golden Gate. He is looking forward to coming back to this area and excited to continue to work with the Aux.

Lastly I challenge each flotilla to come up with a least 1 new Coxswain and 2 new Crewman. Sometimes people just need a bit of a nudge and encouragement.

Let's make it a fun and safe 2015 boating season. See you all at Antlers in April and Clear Lake in May.
Curt

CWO Matthew D. James (OTO REPORT)

OTO Notes January 2015

Happy New Year's shipmates! I trust your holidays were festive and you found some time to recharge and prepare for another year on the water.

Abandoned Vessel Survey Program

Wil Sumner and Sue Fry have been working with the Incident Management Staff at Sector San Francisco to keep the Abandoned Vessel Survey program running. The reporting forms have changed but the procedure for reporting and investigating abandoned vessels remains the same. Those of you patrolling within SECSF's AOR are encouraged to take note of any derelicts and wrecks you come across in the course of your normal MOM patrols. Like a cop on the beat, you know your turf and are best suited for determining if a derelict is new or if its condition has changed. When gathering data on derelict/abandoned vessels, please keep these cautions in mind:

1. Do not enter shoal water to get a closer look at a derelict/abandoned vessel. A good rule to follow is do not enter water charted to be less than three feet shallower than your draft unless there's a compelling reason, like urgent SAR, to do so.
2. Do not put a person in the water to investigate or inspect a derelict vessel. That should be a no-brainer, but I feel compelled to mention it.
3. Be cognizant of the possibility that homeless persons or criminal elements have made use of derelict vessels for various reasons in the past. Do not put yourself in a dangerous position. Contact your controlling station or local LE if you suspect nefarious activity is afoot.

The updated reporting form for Abandoned Vessels should be posted on the Operations Web Page in the coming week. In the meantime, please contact me via email if you need a copy.

“Lives Saved” versus “Lives Assisted”

I've received this question from several operators over the past year. How do you classify the folks you helped out while on patrol? Here are some definitions from the USCG Addendum to the National Search and Rescue Supplement:

Lives Saved: "**Lives saved** are those lives that would have been lost had the rescue action not been taken. This includes actually pulling a person from a position of distress or removing them from a situation that would likely have resulted in their death had the action not been taken."

Lives Assisted: "**Lives assisted** are those persons who are provided assistance that did not meet the criteria for lives saved but did receive some assistance. An entry for type of assistance provided is required for every life entered under this category. Persons merely onboard a vessel that is provided assistance directed at the vessel (repairs, fuel, etc.) are not necessarily assisted."

Distress could best be defined as a situation that places an individual(s) in imminent risk of death or serious bodily injury.

Examples of "lives saved" include recovering a person in the water at risk of drowning, removing persons from a vessel that is taking on water and sinking. "Lives assisted" might be the operator and passengers of a disabled vessel you towed to the dock, or the fatigued kayaker you escorted back to shore. Ultimately, you as the coxswain are the judge and will need to record the data as applicable in the Auxiliary SAR worksheet. I strongly encourage you to complete this worksheet each time you assist a boater on the water. You can scan the document and include it with your receipts in your AOMS submissions.

New Policy for Issuing PPE to Members in AP Status

The Director signed a new policy regarding members in AP status shortly before the holidays. In short, members who have been waiting more than 90 days for their OS-PSI to clear may be granted a waiver to be issued an ID card, wear the Auxiliary uniform, and participate in most programs. We will still not issue PPE individually to members in AP status, but the Flotilla Commander may request that a "ready service" bag be issued to the flotilla. The member may wear the PPE for on the water training, but the gear must remain in the possession of the mentor or another BQ/AX member of the flotilla.

Please see the policy document for guidance and procedures.

ATTENTION FSO-OP'S and FSO-MA's---D-TRAIN!!!!

Please make plans to come visit me in sunny San Jose for D-Train. In addition to the other outstanding course offerings, you can attend my outstanding class on PPE Issuance, Maintenance, and Administration. I'll run through the entire program from soup to nuts and will have hands-on practice and participation planned. We'll laugh, we'll cry, we'll learn how to keep our ground-breaking and trend-setting PPE program on track. Stick around for the Awards Dinner to see me squeeze into a Dinner Dress Uniform. Of course, no weekend in San Jose would be complete without attending the Annual Operations Workshop scheduled for Sunday morning. This is your best chance to get the full range of training on this program and its requirements.

I'll see you in San Jose!

AUXILIARY SECTOR COORDINATOR – REPORT: COMO V. CONNELL

1. We all look forward to a new and productive year of Auxiliary support to Sector SF.

Since we have some newly elected or assigned District, Division and Flotilla Officers, it is important to remind everyone that **ALL** communications between Auxiliarists and Staff at Sector SF should involve the ASC and SECSF AUXLO - BOSN Colin Langeslay. This applies to all AUX program areas: Response (vessels, radios), RBS, and Mission Support. (An exception is AUXAIR operations - normally working directly with staff at AIRSTAs SF and SAC and do not usually directly involve staff at Sector SF).

With **new** events or missions where Sector is requesting AUX support for the first time, or re-initiating AUX support for a periodic legacy event (e.g., Fleet Week), the Sector Active Duty Staff should communicate the request through the Sector SF AUXLO, who then contacts the ASC. Depending on the specific needs of the mission, the ASC then contacts the AUX PACs, District Leadership, or individual skilled Auxiliarists who are appropriately qualified and available to assist - keeping AUXLO informed of support available. Auxiliarists should not initiate or support new or re-initiate traditional/legacy district or local events without first involving ASC and AUXLO.

In some cases, Auxiliarists have developed ongoing long term close working relationships with individual Active Duty Staff at Sector SF - either by regularly volunteering on site at Sector, or by regularly assisting off site with Sector requested mission support. In these cases, where a mission has already been established and is ongoing over a period of time, there are occasions where it may be appropriate for Sector Staff to communicate directly with the Auxiliarists providing ongoing support. In this situation, these ongoing communications should be copied to ASC and AUXLO for their situational awareness.

Following these procedures accomplishes several goals:

- AUX District Leadership is kept aware of all AUX support to Sector
- Making sure that proper CG and AUX procedures and policies are being followed,
- Making sure that appropriate AUX personnel are assigned to duty in a fair and transparent manner.

If there are any questions about these communication procedures, please contact ASC.

2. Continuing Rescue 21 outages coverage: periodically, SECSF is continuing to request AUX land mobile assets in support of Rescue 21 outages. AUX Land Mobile units in Bodega Bay and Post Ranch have been supporting this mission, listening for distress calls while Rescue 21 is temporarily stood down for updates.

3. SECSF has requested AUX VSC support to Mavericks Surfing event which may occur anytime between JAN-MAR on relatively short notice. DSO-VE is organizing support from DIV 4 VEs for this annual event which is expected to attract more recreational boaters this year - since land access to the event will be restricted.

DSO-AV REPORT

AuxAir continues to fly missions as requested by the Air Station and Sector. We have had to cancel quite a few flights in December due to the rain and wind, but are now back to flying about four to five flights a week with the nicer weather. We expect to continue with this level of activity as long as we have good flying weather.

We have scheduled our next swim test for Saturday, 24 Jan 2015, at the CGI pool. Several boating auxiliarists have requested to participate in the swim event and we have included them along with our auxair members. If there are additional boating members who wish to join us on Saturday, they should contact Randy Parent at 510-414-1559.

Additionally, we have scheduled our spring Aviation Safety Workshop for Saturday, 11 April 2015, at CGI. Any auxiliarist is welcome to attend this all day aviation training event.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Olson
DSO-AV

DSO-COMS REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

A very special thanks to our Communicators who stand by ready and trained to respond to any contingency that may arise. I salute your expertise, diligence and perseverance.

As the Communications Team is in the reorganization mode it is critical to understand the direction in which we intend to proceed, and who will be providing counsel, mentoring and leadership to this effort.

Robert Firehock has been appointed as the Deputy District Staff Officer Communications (ASO-CM/DEP). Rob is the District's Communications Representative to Sector San Francisco. His initial assignment will be to Collaborate in the development of policies, procedures and organizing Auxiliary Land Mobile support of Sector's emergent land mobile callout missions.

Joe Love will continue to serve as an ADSO-CM/ARMS, and work closely with Rob Firehock.

Fred Sellstrom, ADSO-CM/QM, will provide leadership in the area of Quality Assurance, VHF weekly net coordinator as well as develop, in collaboration with Sector San Francisco, appropriate policies, procedures, and requirements for qualified members to seek authorization to utilize the Coast Guard Communications Trailer.

Kevin Sellstrom as ADSO-CM/CC, expertise with Repeaters will provide leadership to the District and Sectors repeater system.

COMO Mike Maddox has agreed to serve as ADSO-CM/HF, undertaking the task of organizing the recruiting, training and HF net participation by our members.

Mart Gardner has volunteered to use his talents as an ADSO-CM/CS, his responsibility will be for website development and ongoing maintenance he will work closely with all the members of the Communications team as well as District Communications Services, DSO-CS Irene Wetzel.

Morris Farmer ADSO-CM/AD will assist in the distribution of the myriad programs, policies and initiatives relating to the Communications program.

AMATEUR RADIO USE

I ask all members both facility owners as well as Land Mobile Communicators to consider the following. Fred Sellstrom provided this information at my request, as our National leadership has asked me to address this issue.

"Amateur radio service radios fall under FCC Part 97 Rules, whereby accepted marine radios fall under FCC Part 80 Rules. These rules loosely cover frequency stability, modulation characteristics (audio roll-off, audio frequency response, modulation limiting), occupied bandwidth, spurious & harmonic emission at the antenna terminal, and includes field strength of spurious & harmonic radiation. Allowable radiated power from an accepted marine radio is limited to 25 watts, whereby numerous amateur counterparts are rated as high as 70 watts.

Simply stated, the use of an amateur radio in place of an accepted marine radio is an NTIA, Coast Guard, CG Auxiliary and FCC violation.

DSO-OP REPORT-

Flare Disposal.....

Have received information that some of the recipients for Hazardous Waste (our expired flares), are no longer accepted. Please verify with your local companies that they still or no longer accept the flares. Email the information to me and I will update the "where to take expired flares" list in the next RESPONSE Report.

WINTER IS HERE – AWARENESS OF PPE REQUIREMENTS:

If above 60f air temp, uniform/TYPE III PFD/Boat Crew Survival Vest (BCSV) is the minimum...below 60f air temp and you've moved into the Anti-exposure suit/BCSV zone...when BOTH the air AND water temps are below 50f, then a Dry Suit is required. Dry suits are only issued to those members that work with Stations that request the members have them.

OPS Events:

Please work with your members as to when your 2015 Event will take place. Remember to please check the OPS Calendar and not infringe on a date already spoken for. Also if QEs come from afar it will be easier for them to find lodging, at the government rate, when another popular event (bicycle races, school registrations, music festivals or ??) is not occurring in the same area. Request the date of your event after checking the District Calendar and be sure to avoid infringing on others that have requested an OPS event, District Meetings, PCA Fair, District Events and remember Mother's Day is sacred.

All operational date requests need to be sent to **Dean LaChapelle @ deanvic@yahoo.com**.

If the date is open Dean will request the date be placed on the DISTRICT Calendar and the Operational Event Calendar that is shown in this report.

COLD WATER IMMERSION, BY OUR VERY OWN PAUL NEWMAN

(RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY SPECIALIST D11:

Here's a link to an article Paul Newman wrote for the Compass, the Coast Guard blog. The topic is Cold Water Immersion and the slogan "A lifejacket buys you time." You've heard Paul talk about it before, but if you're looking for another resource to point to, feel free to use this link and consider adding it to your Public Education classes as well.

<http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/01/a-lifejacket-buys-you-time/>

BOAT CREW ACADEMY AT PCA FAIR – CANCELLED - A FIRST, NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

All, for the first time in over 15 years we had to cancel the PCA Boat Crew Academy. The amount of time for needed preparation and the invaluable give and take between the students requires we have at least 10 students. Please share your thoughts on why the lack of sign ups at the Fair. In the past we have always had a minimum of 20 students, usually closer to 30. Please email me your concerns and suggestions as to why we had a very low sign up for the class.

Thank you, Gail

SUBJ: CALENDAR YEAR 2015 FOOD SERVICE MEAL RATES

Effective 1 January 2015 Commanding Officers/Officers-in-Charge

(CO/OIC) of units with Coast Guard Dining Facilities (CGDF), either military staffed or civilian contracted, shall ensure all Coast Guard members receiving a subsistence allowance and all other authorized CGDF patrons not on subsistence-in-kind pay the following meal rates when subsisting in a CGDF.

2. In accordance with Chapter 19 of Ref A, the 2015 Food service Meal Rates are broken down as follows:

<u>Meal</u>	<u>Standard Meal Rate</u>
Breakfast	3.45
Lunch	5.55
Dinner	4.85
Midnight rations	3.45

Before you ask, yes, dinner does cost less than lunch.

2014 FLIGHT HOURS

Mission Hours as values	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 04	11NR - Div 05	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	955.70	25.50	11.40	157.30	1,149.90
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	21.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.20
All Missions	976.90	25.50	11.40	157.30	1,171.10

2014 FIXED & LAND MOBILE HOURS:

Mission Hours as values	11NR - Div 01	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 05	11NR - Div 06	11NR - Div 07	11NR - Div 11	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	29.50	203.10	0.00	53.90	0.00	0.00	10.60	297.10
CGOPS - Cg Operational Support (07,20,22,26)	149.30	120.40	73.80	1,203.00	0.00	759.80	0.00	2,306.30
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.20	0.00	0.00	16.20
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	37.20	0.00	0.00	4.80	0.00	0.00	2.80	44.80
All Missions	216.00	323.50	73.80	1,261.70	16.20	759.80	13.40	2,664.40

2014 UNDERWAY BOAT HOURS:

[All Missions][Sector San Francisco][All Facilities][All Unit Locations][U/W - Underway][CY 2014][All Statuses][All Positions][All Operations][All Claimants]MEASURES											
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 10	11NR - Div 11	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	1,904.30	2,563.90	549.20	3,223.80	2,350.50	3,048.00	977.90	269.30	964.80	863.30	16,715.00
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	16.50	137.50	21.60	36.90	42.00	176.50	53.80	123.20	12.40	12.40	632.80
MS - Marine Safety	0.00	3.30	0.00	3.30	0.00	0.00	14.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.00
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	15.70	91.40	24.40	115.90	75.70	363.00	18.30	35.50	11.20	3.00	754.10
All Missions	1,936.50	2,796.10	595.20	3,379.90	2,468.20	3,587.50	1,064.40	428.00	988.40	878.70	18,122.90

2015 OPERATIONS OPEX/OPTREX EVENT CALENDAR :

[For flyers, regarding these events please go to the District Calendar:](#)

<i>2015</i>		
APR 30- MAY 3rd	Flotilla 3-9	Antlers, Lake Shasta, Contact: Carl Pierce
May-09	Division 1	Berkeley Yacht Club, Contact: R. Celia
May 15-16th	Flotilla 8-8 OPTREX	Location & Contact info TBC.
Jul 31ST - Aug 1ST	DIV 7 OPTREX	Utah
Sep 12th-13th	FLT 06-07 OPTREX	Santa Cruz
Oct 10th- 11th	DIV 10 OPTREX	Millerton

<p>Respectfully, COMO Gail L. Ramsey Primary e/mail: Deltapony2@juno.com Office Phone: (510) 437-3500 Cell: (510) 708-4629</p>	<p>DIRAUX OFFICE HOURS: 0730 to 1530 Mon thru Thurs ID card and New Member Processing Mon thru Wed 0730 to 1300 By Appointment Only Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) issue, by appointment only. Tuesday is the designated "AUX Tuesday" walk-in days when most of the staff is available for customer service. ALL SERVICES ON OTHER DAYS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. DIRAUX E/Mail Address: D11-SMB-D11AUX-Northern</p>
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