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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
District 11 Northern Region**  
*Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah*



Date: June 2015  
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 Curtis Barthel**

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

Greetings shipmates from Sector San Francisco!

Several reoccurring items require our attention. This month I'll share two...

1. Radio Guard, from the AUXILIARY OPERATIONS POLICY MANUAL: "For a patrol, a facility must have two-way communications with any Coast Guard unit; any Auxiliary station or detachment; any federal, state, or local agency (e.g., Army Corps of Engineers, police, fire department, etc.); or any local marina that agrees to maintain the scheduled communication guard, relay official information between the Coast Guard and Auxiliary facility, and must understand and agree to immediately report a communications loss to the Coast Guard if the reporting period is exceeded." If you are NOT operating inside the AOR of a CG Station, do not ask them to retain your radio guard, use an alternate authorized entity.

2. Crew Fatigue: All AUX facilities have the same crew fatigue requirements as a comparable AD crew on a CG boat would be subject to as described in the Boat Manual, Volume I. Only the Sector Commander can issue a waiver to fatigue standards and requests for waivers should be rare. Operators are required to manage crew mission time and report immediately when approaching limits.

When in doubt, just reach out! There are numerous "Seasoned Veterans" in the Auxiliary throughout our area that can assist you with questions, concerns, and general information so do not hesitate to ask. As always, safety is our number one priority.

Thanks for all you do, and please be safe out there!

v/r,  
~CDL

**CWO Curtis Barthel, AUXLO, SECTOR HUMBOLDT:**

From your OIA in Sector Humboldt Bay:

As my time comes to a close, I want to take the time to thank all the Auxiliarists in D11 North. It has been a great 5 years getting to know everyone and you will all be missed.

I am continually impressed by the level of dedication that I witness every day and your commitment to making boating safer and supporting the Coast Guard. You truly are some of the hardest working members of the Coast Guard family.

For almost my entire 30 years I have had interaction with the Auxiliary and those interactions have been some of my best time in the Coast Guard. Many of Auxiliarists have left me with a lifetime of sea stories and I am sure I have left a few with you all.

If you find yourself passing through Wausau, WI, look me up. My cell phone number is the same and my email address is [Curtisjbarthel@gmail.com](mailto:Curtisjbarthel@gmail.com)

So to my friends and extended family, fair winds and following seas.....

Thanks  
Curt

**CWO Matthew D. James (OTO REPORT)**

Greetings shipmates! Summer boating season is upon us. I've seen an increase in AOMS patrol requests and submissions as well as reading some great patrol summaries. Keep up the great work!

**Hazard and Caution Areas**

Many of you know that I serve on the Boat Forces Mishap Analysis and Assistance Team (MAAT). Recently, I was detailed away to assist with investigating and analyzing a mishap involving an Auxiliary facility on patrol on the east coast. Our mishap analysis pends, but there was one immediate recommendation we wanted to get out to the field: If you operate in the coastal AORS shared by active duty stations, you should be aware of what geographic areas have been declared as "hazard" or "caution" areas in their AOR. Units publish these areas, as well as standard waypoints and procedures in their Navigation Standards. Your SO-OP or PAC should reach out the AD units to request this information. You may be surprised how many of these areas you regularly transit in your patrols. Areas that are designated as hazardous or cautionary aren't necessarily off limits, you should be exercising ORM and more

care in these areas though. There will likely be much more updated guidance on Auxiliary Surface Operations stemming from this mishap in the coming months.

#### Mileage Limitations

SECSF and SECHB both limit mileage reimbursement for patrols at 100 miles without OIA authorization for additional reimbursement. I'm still handling the submissions for SECSF and have noticed several completed orders claiming more than 100 miles. Unless the OIA emails me or adds a comment saying the additional mileage is authorized, I'll be reducing the mileage to 100.

#### Crew Fatigue Recap from last July

Coxswains should have all received an email from me last week detailing Sector San Francisco's determination to continue following the trailering fatigue guidelines set forth in the Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual vice the updated guidance from the Boat Operations and Training Manual, Volume I. I'm hoping this gives those of you operating in the Utah and Lake Tahoe AOR's a bit of breathing room when planning your patrol period. There's also been some confusion over how AOMS tracks hours and how that links to actual fatigue hours. AOMS is programmed to automatically start tracking mission time from when you first enter in your "Facility in Use" or "Arrive at Launch Site" entry. This means you may accumulate more than eight (8) hours of total time in AOMS in those cases where you count standby time, like tying up for lunch. Those total hours don't count as underway time nor necessarily equate to fatigue time. Your fatigue hours count when you are engaged in activities that fatigue you:

- Trailing (50%)
- Pre-mission checks/Post mission checks (per AUXOPS)
- Underway
- Anchored (50%)

Time spent in standby may count in AOMS towards your overall mission time, but doesn't mean you are fatigued. Total mission times beyond 8 hours may trigger the OIA to email you and ask questions about your patrol activities, you can explain time spent moored in standby at that time. Keep the questions coming on this one, it's important to understand. The OTO's have made our concerns regarding AOMS and time keeping known to BSX-1. (and we are still waiting on a solution).

#### Fair Winds and Following Seas to CWO Barthel!

Curt is an awesome shipmate and one of the finest advocates for the Auxiliary around. I will miss him. Please take a moment next Friday to hoist a cold (soda or other) one out of respect for his thirty years' service.

See y'all out on the water.

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

- Sector SF presented a group of D11N Auxiliarists with the Meritorious Team Commendation Award for support to America's Cup in 2013-14. Commodore Rich Thomas, DCO and Wally Smith, DCOS accepted the award on behalf of the AUX participants. CAPT Michael Day, Deputy CO Sector SF commented on the value of the Auxiliary in support of Sector activities.

- Preliminary discussions in regard to AUX support for San Francisco's Fleet Week have already begun between AUXLO, DCO and ASC. AUX Leadership encouraged Sector SF to provide early guidance so that we can effectively plan for AUX vessel, comms, and shore-side support to this high visibility annual event.
- 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.
- Once again Sector SF is in an annual period of Active Duty staff transition with many changes as some current staff members are transferred and new members arrive. This is an important time for the AUX to engage with new staff and inform them of our capabilities and chain of communication procedures.
- CAPT Michael Day, Deputy CO Sector SF is scheduled to depart in early JUL for his next assignment as Commander of Sector NY – the busiest CG Sector in the nation. We wish him well and look forward to meeting his relief sometime later this month.

**ASC-SECTOR HUMBOLDT REPORT – CARL PIERCE:**

Division 8 continues to support Coast Guard, Sector Humboldt:

Flotilla 8-6: Continues to support the Coast Gaud Station Humboldt Bay:

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 provide 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.
4. Assist Coast Guard in Helo training exercises.

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 availability 24/7 for call outs on a variety of assists 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.

Flotilla 3-9, Division 3: Continues to support Sector Humboldt Air Station, Helo program:

1. Flotilla 3-9 has schedule to provide a facility as a platform for training with Sector Humboldt helicopters. The scheduled exercises will be Tuesday 09, 16, 23, and 30 JUN, at Whiskeytown Lake.

I will continue to work with CWO Curtis Barthel at Sector Humboldt through 19 JUN 15. I am looking forward to work with BOSN Thomas Moore.

End of Report:

Submitted by Carl J. Pierce, DCDR Division 8

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### **DSO-AV REPORT:**

Auxiliary Aviators continue to fly about four to six flights a week in support of the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary, and allied agencies. We now have a third twin-engine plane in full operation, which permits us to fly more missions off-shore as well as additional flights along the southern coast line of D11N. We are preparing to fly a significant number of logistics missions over the next year to 18 months between the Bay Area and Point Mugu, which will be the new Coast Guard Air Station for Southern California.

From time to time, questions come up about where the Aviation Program fits into the overall Auxiliary structure and, in particular, do Flotillas have a role in the Aviation Program. I will provide more information on this subject in future reports, but I do want to point out that Auxiliary Aviation is a Program at the District level and not at the Flotilla level. This is explained in different manuals, such as the AUXILIARY AVIATION TRAINING MANUAL, COMDTINST M16798.5B, which states in Chapter 1: The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Aviation Program is one of the operational programs within the Auxiliary framework. It has its own structure, separate from surface operations or communications, and is distinctive in that it is organized on a District basis without a parallel structure at the division or flotilla level. The U.S. COAST GUARD DISTRICT AUXILIARY AVIATION PROGRAM (AUXAIR) is managed by a District Staff Officer, who is appointed by the District Commodore, and who is supported by several Assistant District Staff Officers responsible for training, operations, etc. Auxiliarists involved in the District Aviation Program, or members who may want to participate in the Aviation Program, are encouraged to belong to our various flotillas, however, these flotillas have no role or responsibility for aviation training or operations.

I will provide additional information on this subject in future reports and I will, also, provide information on how interested auxiliarists may apply to participate in our District Aviation Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Olson

DSO-AV

**DSO-COMS REPORT:**

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Greetings to all District 11 Northern Region Communicators, a very special thanks to our DIRAUX volunteers who accept missions as requested by Sector as well as those who volunteer for Land Mobile assignments.

In coordination with our Gold Side clients, CM staff continues to work on a review of the Land Mobile program in D11. We anticipate the rollout of the updated policy this fall. The draft policy is being staffed with the appropriate entities.

**FROM THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS WEB SITE**

**Caution Using LED Light Bulbs**

Word of caution when using LED light bulbs. A member of the communications team was having difficulty copying the signal from a DIN, VHF repeater, and could not understand why. He stated, "I had installed some LED replacement light bulbs and when we turned on the light, the VHF receiver input was desensitized."

After reading the LED bulb package carefully, it states in very small print, "may cause harmful interference to sensitive marine band radio equipment. Do not install near sensitive life-saving marine communications equipment"

A word of caution for all members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary

Thanks again to all our District Communicators.

COMO Michael L. Williams  
DSO-CM

**DSO-OPS REPORT:**

Many Kudos to those, far too many to mention by name, that participated in the Memorial Day Delta Blitz. Excellent job!

SADDNESS: We are losing Curtis Barthel, AUXLO Sector Humboldt. Curtis has become such a constant part of our organization that his leaving will leave a large empty place within the AUX ranks. Fair winds, following seas, and safe waters to him.

TWO BOAT TRAINING, CG STATION RIO VISTA: Facilities are needed for two boat training every Thursday to support Coast Guard Station Rio Vista. Trailering will be reimbursed for 100 miles total. Please send me the dates you are available and hopefully we can fill a spread sheet for the Station.

Addition to the report from BOSN Langeslay about reimbursable Land Mobile patrols. He agrees to approve non-reimbursable LM patrols where the member is out and exercising their facility to keep sharp, as long as the Patrol Area Coordinator approves the patrol and these patrols are not too frequent. When doing a reimbursable weekday LM ATON patrol, there needs to be a current Aid Verifier in the Land Mobile and approved Private Aids to Navigation paper work turned to the appropriate people after the patrol.

Reminder: Reimbursable weekday patrols are only approved when the Facility is requested by a Coast Guard unit, Station, Sector, an ATON patrol with appropriate ATON paper work and an Aid Verifier on board or when doing a QE mission for qualification check rides.

OPEX/OPTREXs: All are welcome to attend any Division event as long as they sign up with the coordinator of the event at least six weeks in advance. The need to coordinate Facilities, Coxswains, Qualification Examiners and candidates takes time and needs to be done well in advance. Please do not just show up at an event and expect to be taken care of. When the unexpected shows up it is like cooking dinner, with just enough food for three and suddenly seven more show up.

FLEET WEEK: Fleet Week will be upon us before we know it. Be alert for bulletins about this important event and how the Auxiliary will play a part.

COMMENTS SECTION: Another reminder. Most are doing great in filling out the comments section of AOM. Below is just a “refresher”, especially for new Coxswains or those that have not patrolled for a while.

Include in your "Comments" section in AOM the following:

1. PURPOSE: what are doing out there?
2. Other: Patrol plus what? Training with the Active Duty and where?
3. COMMS: Station, Park service, Land Mobile (who and what Freq)
4. COXS: First Initial/Last Name & cell number that will be used on the boat\_ does not have to be the Coxswain but a member of the Crew that is not at the helm.
5. TIME: Your expected time to assume and secure patrol
6. Guests - ??? Waivers attached
7. **After Action Report...cases, other info, crew time changes**

MULTI CREW AT DIFFERENT TIMES: If you have different crew at different times of day on a patrol list the times the member is on and off the Facility in the **Comments Section**. Alert your IS officer so they can correct the times in AUXDATA. AOM automatically gives all crew the full time of the patrol and the record needs to be changed for accuracy if you have crew changes. Also remember, if you have a QE on board, to list the QE in the Comments Section, not as crew.

All below stats are what has been entered into AUXDATA Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Jun 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**AUXAIR Patrols for CY2015:**

As of Sunday, June 07, 2015.

**[All Missions][Sector San Francisco][All Facilities][All Unit Locations][ABN - Airborne][CY 2015][All Statuses][All Positions][All Operations][All Claimants]MEASURES**

Mission Hours as values	11NR - Div 01	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 05	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
OPS	4.80	414.40	13.90	98.50	531.60
ABN - Airborne	4.80	414.40	13.90	98.50	531.60

**Land Mobile Patrols for CY2015:**

As of Sunday June 07, 2015

Mission Hours as values	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 05	11NR - Div 06	11NR - Div 10	11NR - Div 11	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	76.10	0.00	0.00	35.50	0.00	0.00	111.60
CGOPS - Cg Operational Support (07,20,22,26)	56.40	21.80	185.20	348.20	59.70	3.80	675.10
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	1.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.60
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.60
<b>All Missions</b>	<b>134.70</b>	<b>21.80</b>	<b>185.20</b>	<b>383.70</b>	<b>59.70</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>788.90</b>

**Underway Marine Patrols 2015 Missions: 01a, 01b, 02, 03, 22a, 54a, 55a**

As of Sunday, June 07, 2015

[All Missions][Sector San Francisco][All Facilities][All Unit Locations][U/W - Underway][CY 2015][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
U/W	666.30	1,048.60	161.50	634.50	960.30	471.00	631.70	271.70	158.20	306.10	5,309.90

**OPS CALENDAR: NOTE DATE CHANGES FOR SOME EVENTS!**

	<u><a href="#">For flyers, regarding these events please go to the District Calendar:</a></u>	
<b>2015 OPERATIONS OPEX/OPTREX EXENT CALENDAR FOR DISTRICT ELEVEN NORTH</b>		
<b>AUG 7TH-8TH</b>	<b>DIV 7 OPTREX</b>	<b>UTAH - NOTE DATE CHANGE</b>
<b>AUG 22ND-23RD</b>	<b>DIVISION 1</b>	<b>LOCH LOMOND YACHT CLUB</b>
<b>AUG 29TH-30TH</b>	<b>DIV 11, LK TAHOE</b>	<b>CONTACT: LINDA HAYNES</b>
<b>SEP 12TH-13TH</b>	<b>FLT 06-07</b>	<b>SANTA CRUZ: CONTACT INFO TBA</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>DIV 10</b>	<b>MILLERTON: CONTACT ROD ROLLINS</b>
<b>SEPT 26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>FLT 05-05</b>	<b>BODEGA BAY</b>

Respectfully, Gail L Ramsey, DSO-OPS

