

Reno Flotilla 3 News

Sierra Division 11, District 11 North



Leon Borden
Sierra Division 11 Commander
2012

Leon Borden, the Division Commander for Sierra Division 11 for 2011 and 2012 is awarded the continued service award for over 2200 hours of volunteer service on behalf of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Leon, originally a New York native, has lived in Nevada for over 20 years. He previously was a database administrator for the State of Nevada. Leon represents our Division at District 11 North. Congratulations Leon for all of your fine work on behalf of our Division.

Upcoming Flotilla 3 Events

- May 19, 20th
Inflate Your PFD Day
Cabela's, Reno.
- May 19-26th
National Safe Boating Week
- May 28th
Mike Brown Memorial
Seaplane Splash In
Lake Tahoe
- June 2nd
Boating Safely Class
Cabela's - Reno

Training for the Paiute Tribal Sheriff's Department

Keith White, the Flotilla's Vessel Examiner and Recreational Boating Program Officer, was contacted in April by Tribal Chief Yellowhair of the Pyramid Lake Tribe. Chief Yellowhair expressed an interest in having members of Reno Flotilla 3 train the Tribe's Safety Officers in preparation for the upcoming boating season. The Tribe has two boats and wanted to improve their skills. Keith made the proposal at our April meeting and our members enthusiastically agreed to conduct both on the water and classroom education.

On May 5th John Boyne and Keith presented the eight hour Boating Safely Class to the Sheriff's Department. On Sunday, May 6th, the on the water training was held on Pyramid Lake.

departmental members knots as all three boats got under way Sunday morning.



Reno Coxswain Jim Kreamsner staffed the other Tribal boat for the day's training.

Reno Flotilla 3 Facility *Following Sea* got underway at 1000 to help with the training.

The *Following Sea* was manned by Coxswain Tom Komadina, Crew Robin Morgan, Keith White and Dee Walter. The crew of the *Following Sea* demonstrated long tows, side tows, search and rescue evolutions, line heaving and techniques for crossing boat wakes safely. The Reno Auxiliaries emphasized Team Coordination Training practices taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Coxswain John Boyne taught the Tribal



There are a limited number of **free** TUCKED ODU's available to Auxiliaries. Contact Division Commander Leon Borden ASAP to request an ODU. Sizing information was sent to members today by email..

Pyramid Lake Tribal Sheriff's Training



Reno Auxiliarist Robin Morgan prepares to pass line one for a side tow. Lines for a side tow are numbered from bow to stern as they originate from the towing vessel. The Reno crew of *Following Sea* emphasize that the eye of the line should be passed to the towed vessel so that all line adjustments can be made on the Auxiliary vessel. Note that the Tribal vessel is slightly forward of the Auxiliary towing vessel.



Flotilla 3's Keith White passes line four to the Tribal Vessel. Line one keeps the bow of each vessel aligned while line four keeps the stern of each vessel in proper alignment.



The final line passed by Keith White is line three, also known as the backing strap. The backing strap bears the load when the tow vessel is placed in reverse.

Line two, the tow strap, is not shown in these photos but is probably the most important line in a side tow. It is passed from a forward cleat (in this case, the bow cleat) to a mid-ship's cleat on the towed vessel. An alternative would be to pass the two line from the mid-ship's cleat to the towed boat's stern cleat.

An Accomplished Photographer

Dee Walter

As many of you know, Dee Walter, our CS and Operations Officer has other talents as well. Thanks to Dee, the Tribal Training Event was beautifully photographed as evidenced in this newsletter. Dee also took some videos of this event and as soon as they are edited, they will be published on our web sites. Thanks Dee for the beautiful photos and videos!

Congratulations Ken & Cheryl!

Ken and Cheryl Messenger completed the "C" School for the AuxChef Program the first weekend in March in Alameda at Coast Guard Island. Once Ken and Cheryl complete all of their check off items for proficiency, they will be certified AuxChefs. The Aux Chef program was started by District 11 North Auxiliarist Rich Thomas. Once certified, AuxChefs can prepare food on Coast Guard Stations and Coast Guard Vessels as well as for Auxiliary Events.



The first Division 11 Optrex or Operational Training Exercise will be held on July 14th at Lake Tahoe. We have several members who need to be requalified for Crew or Coxswain at either this Optrex or the one in the first week in September.

Now that Lake Tahoe and Pyramid Lake are warmer than 50 degrees, we can start practicing with Crew and Coxswain Trainees. This will be discussed at the May meeting. You must have completed the 8 hour TCT class to be eligible for Crew or Coxswain qualification testing!