

Sagebrush Mariner Division 11 Newsletter

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Southwest Idaho

Calendar of Events

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Boise Boat Show:
February 9th thru the
12th. See the SO-PA
for more information.
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.Idaho Sportsman
Show: March 1st thru
the 4th. See the SO-
PA for more
information.
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Boise Recreation Fest
June 2012
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March will be the next
Division meeting at
the Shiloh Inn in
Nampa. Stay tuned for
more Information.



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Division Captain Larry Kelly

Division Eleven has lost a few of our members this year due to Retirement and Sickness. The discussion from each Flotilla is how to recruit new members. We could start with our Flotillas having a better attendance and making it more interesting. We need more training in areas that is critical and keep all members active as mentors, instructors and helping to keep members from going into REYR.

Training is a great way to recruit new members. There are many training courses through the National Training Website, District 13 electronic communications course. There are many other courses that could help recruit new members, in class and on water using our own Flotilla, Division instructors. There are many fields that new members may be interested in, such as Radio watch, Communication, Photoghy, News Letter and many more.

We need to invite people that we talk with at Boat Shows, ABS classes Vessel Safety Exams, Marine Dealer Visits, and in our daily communications

Let's all work together with our USCG partners and to make our USCGAUX a better organization.

VCDR Richard Wonenberg

As the holidays rush toward us we all get busy. I wish for you all the best the holidays have to offer. I most of all wish to thank all of you for your help this past year. We accomplished a lot this last year with all your hard work and dedication to your jobs. I think the staff worked well together.

The coming year will see a lot more on our plates. There are a couple of new skills for us to learn and do. Most of all we will have FUN, Capt. Graves will back me up on this one. District is real BIG on the District, Division, and Flotillas having a lot of fun in everything we do. Be safe doing it and add value.

I want to give a big thank you to Larry Corning SO-OP and OTO Chris Brown for their persistence in the POMS and patrol mess this summer. Without their hard work and stick to it attitude many of us would not have seen paid for patrols performed. A quick look into our coming year will see us put the new Paddle Craft class and inspections into use.

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News from our Flotillas

Lake Levels;

Lucky peak is currently at 2955. Full is 3055

Lake Lowell is currently at 2526. Full is 2530

Anderson Ranch Is currently at 4178. Full is 4196

Cascade is currently at 4827. Full is 4819

Lake Owyhee is currently at 2649. Full is 2670

Arrowrock is currently at 3174. Full is 3216

All of the boat ramps throughout SW Idaho can be seen at the US Dept. of the Interior website under Northwest Reclamations

Flotilla 11 – 01 FC Kristal Tighe

First off I would like to thank my staff in Flotilla 11-01 for all of their hard work in 2011. Our flotilla was able to participate in several PA events on our own and with the Division to help promote the Auxiliary values. We completed two Boating Safety classes, plus held and were involved in several member training courses. When looking back in my calendar notes, I was amazed we accomplished as much as we did.

Flotilla 11 – 04 FC Charlie Caddy

11-04 has had a very busy year for 2011 and look to carry it into 2012. We have had 90 VE's with 86 passing, 24 Marine Dealer visits, with only two qualified members, and over 197 hours of patrols with 20 assist. Add over 60 hours of public affairs work, has made for a busy year. We lost two members to retirement in 2011, but have added one we hope to have finalized by 2012. One of the goals for 11-04 in 2012, is making sure all of our members are up to date in hours and numbers, so as to not go into arrears with Auxdata.

Flotilla 11 – 07 FC Larry Fisher

Flotilla 11-07 is adopting a family of four for Christmas and we are having a blast getting stuff together for them. Also, everyone is invited to join our Christmas party Dec 17, 2011. We will probably eat about 6:30 p.m. after wrapping presents for the family. The party will be at our house, 2526 E Omera St, Meridian and there will be a gift exchange after the meal. We would like to know if you are coming, so we know how much prime rib we need to get. This is a family affair, so children are welcome. Please let me know at DLFLDF@MSN.COM

District 13 Captain East: Larry Graves

What a great 2011 for the 3 Eastern Area Divisions. I was able to attend 2 each conferences for Divisions 8, 10 & 11. It was a great experience and I was able to add to my new friend's roster & reacquaint with my old friends on my old friends roster. What wonderful members in all 3 Divisions. It is so enlightening and such a thrill to socialize with you all. I so look forward to 2012 as your District Captain, so proud and honored to have been elected to serve you for 1 more year.

So much was accomplished by all of you. Such as:

DIVISION 8:

89 on the water patrols

547 patrol hours (their patrols consisted of ATON, OPS training, Regatta support, Safety Patrols, & local Gov. Support).

PE classes with 343 students and 316 passing. WOW!
Their classes included ABS, BS&S 13 L, Basic Coastal NAV, Advanced Coastal NAV, State CRS & Water & Kids.
GREAT JOB DIVISION 8.

Photo by Scott Tighe



DIVISION 10: Safety patrols, ABS classes & 2 Boat Shows by Division 10.

DIVISION 11:

Division 11 has only 51 active members. Each Flotilla has set their primary goal for 2012 in recruiting and retention.

With only 51 active members, Division 11 has really some good numbers such as:

OPS

52 on the water patrols (consisting of 47 safety patrols, 2 regatta support, & 3 CG OPS support).

268 patrol hours

PA: They had many PA outreach activities, especially with their Idaho Department of Recreation RBS partner. The Treasure Valley Boat Show, The Sportsman Show, Boat Rodeo & Ready Set Inflate in Boise.

I received a great book from our great USCG Director of the Auxiliary, Cmdr. Kent Chappelka a couple of weeks ago. It was written by the U.S. Coast Guard Leadership Development Center, called Performance Improvement Guide. I feel everyone in the CGAUX should have, read & practice what this book offers in being the best you can be. It is a guide for

good leadership practices. The Coast Guard strives to be the best-led and best-managed organization in government. That's a never-ending challenge for all Coast Guard & Auxiliary people. This guide is another tool to help achieve that challenge.

Quote "This guide is an aid to help you respond to the challenge; its contents were selected to involve employees, enhance team effectiveness, ease problem-solving, facilitate better meeting management, improve processes, increase customer satisfaction, and improve overall performance to produce superior mission results." End Quote.

It talks about our Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion of Duty. We must live and work using those Core Values. The book talks about the competencies in leadership.

LEADING SELF, LEADING OTHERS, LEADING PERFORMANCE AND CHANGE & LEADING THE COAST GUARD.

This applies to the Coast Guard Auxiliary too.

Cmdr. Chappelka gave a talk at Division 11's Conference last month and he used this book to support his great talk. The part of the guide he used was on GROUND RULES.

Ground Rules reflect team values and create an environment for achieving common goals. If you want to be a good leader, this book or guide really is full of great information.

I am looking forward to 2012 and working with all of the great people in Divisions 8, 10, & 11. We have one new Division Commander in Division 10 for 2012 who is Dave Hansen whom we welcome with open arms. I am looking forward to working with Dave along with Tom Osborn of Division 8 & Larry Kelly of Division 11. The hard working and improving Eastern Area

Larry D. Grave
Dist. Cpt. East
District 13
USCG Auxiliary

VCDR Richard Wonenberg Continued from Page 1

We will also look to passing on the membership training that a couple of us brought back from Portland. We need to be adding these modules into each of our Flotilla, and Division Meetings. There is a lot of good information that we can all use to make our flotillas and division run with ease! Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Vice Division Commander for the 2011 year and I look forward to 2012 with a lot of enthusiasm.

From one of our Members, Dick Johnson 11-01

I would like to thank Mary Corning for her efforts on Veteran's Day at her school, the Endeavor Elementary School. I really enjoyed my time at the school with the kids in 2nd grade.

I told them about our 1st Commander-in Chief, George Washington, and his last 1500 brave soldiers at Valley Forge. How these men were our country's 1st Veterans and their brave battle on Christmas day in 1776 saved our country. The kids really ate this story up!!

I have also included a letter from CWO Chris Brown on reporting your PPE to your flotilla MA's before 31 January 2012.

Thank You, WRJ

(See Next Page for CWO Chris Browns Letter) Editor.

FROM THE DESK of CWO Chris Brown
Seasonal Change and PPE

Greetings D-13 Auxiliary, I hope everyone is doing well. I must admit since my report date nearly four months ago, the majority of my time here has been a blur but overall I believe I am starting to adjust to the demands and optempo of this job.

As I mentioned in the Buoy 13 Newsletter one of my main concerns is the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Practicing and wearing proper PPE is important for every mission and patrol order. There are no exceptions to this standard. Boat crews can apply for and obtain waivers; however, keep in mind the gear still has to be onboard the facility and remain readily available. Following the procedures of the Rescue and Survival Systems and Boat Crew Seamanship Manual is extremely important. Let's remember, CO's and OINC's can be relieved of command for not properly outfitting and burdening their people with additional risk.

Some of us (I included) will agree that boating during inclement weather is not ideal however we all must maintain the standard that has been presented to us. To me it is simple: if you have the required gear then you may operate, if you do not have the required gear then you may not operate. If you need gear, I can get you the gear once the budget has been made available. For those of you who have already requested PPE, please be patient. I am filling the orders as they come in, within the time that I have available.

Before I begin issuing gear, I have a job for all Materials Officers. I am tasking you to conduct an entire gear inspection at the Flotilla Level and report to the Division Level prior to 31 January 2012. My records indicate hundreds of thousands of dollars of equipment has been issued and I need to simply verify and audit my files. I am sure that the record keeping has been kept to the best abilities of all members. Know that I have no intention of finding fault or placing anyone on report but I am required to report on our program and I need to compare all AF-538's in the field to all at the D-13 level. Please consolidate all reports from Flotillas to the Division and then transmit to DIRAUX. The main items I would like to inventory are Kokatat Dry Suits and P-EPIRBS, including the battery expiration dates. I expect your full cooperation in our records audit. Thank you in advance.

Another topic for discussion is how to request PPE. In the past you may have used the MII website but that is no longer being utilized. The current procedure is to request gear through the D13 website (www.d13cgaux.com/sites). Go to member login, DIRAUX, D13 forum, and then link to the PPE room. Please become familiar with this website. This procedure is more convenient for everyone's use.

Once again, please be patient as I process and fill PPE orders. My main purpose is ensuring everyone is outfitted on the correct gear and inventorying what has already been issued.

Thank you for your attention. If there are any questions, use your chain of leadership first and if any uncertainty exists please do not hesitate to contact me.

Be safe and always and forever – NEXT WATCH!

Sent in by past SO-CM Hal Gross

MARINER'S SAFETY Alert

WHEN VHF RADIO DISTRESS ALERTS BY DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING (DSC) LACK LOCATION AND IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION.

As the Coast Guard's new marine radio network Rescue 21 becomes operational throughout the U.S., rescue centers can now receive instant distress alerts from commonly used DSC-capable VHF marine radios. However, approximately 90% of VHF DSC distress alerts received by the Coast Guard do not contain position information, and approximately 60% do not contain a registered identity. The Coast Guard cannot effectively respond to a DSC distress alert sent from such a radio.

This means that search and rescue efforts may normally be suspended when:

- No communications with the distressed vessel can be established,
- No further information or means of contacting the vessel can be obtained from other sources, and
- No position information is known.

HELP US HELP YOU

FIRST Obtain a Maritime Mobile Installation Identity (MMSI) and enter it into your radio. MMSI numbers are issued by the Federal Communications Commission if your vessel otherwise requires a station license, or BOATUS, (<http://www.boatus.com/mmsi>), Sea Tow (<http://www.seatow.com/mmsi>), or the U.S. Power Squadrons (<http://www.usps.org/php/mmsi>).

Ensure any information originally provided is updated as changes occur. FCC regulations require that DSC-equipped radios "use MMSIs assigned by the Commission or its designees" (47 CFR 80.103(b)).

THEN interconnect your radio to a GPS receiver using a two-wire NMEA 0183 interface on all DSC-equipped marine radios and on most GPS receivers.

Instructions should be provided in the radio and GPS operators manual.

Further information is provided and will be routinely updated in

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=mtDsc>.

Developed by the Spectrum Management and Telecommunications Policy Division (CG-652), United States Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC.

Questions should be directed to Mr. Russell Levin at (202) 475 3555 or

Russell.S.Levin@uscg.mil.

A Message from SO-PA Kristal Tighe

It has been a pleasure serving as the Public Affairs officer for Division 11 in 2011.

The Division was busy this year doing some great Public Affair events in Boise and the surrounding area. We did many of the annual events such as the 2011 Boat Show and the 2011 Sportsman show. Even though the boat show was somewhat of a letdown with attendance, we were still able to be a presence representing the Coast Guard for the few that bothered to show.

The Sportsman's Show had a much better showing and did result in some sign-ups for Boat Safety Classes and Vessel Inspections to be done in the spring whenever spring decided to show. Many thanks to the Parks and Recreation department for graciously sharing their booth with us for both of these events. I would also like to thank Kim Jackson for allowing the Flotillas to "borrow" many of their toys to help with individual events held by the flotillas.

This year we also participated in the second annual Boat Rodeo which coincided with the National Ready-Set-Inflate competition held during the National Boat Safety Week. The weather was nicer this year, but we still need to work on attendance. This of course was only our 2nd year, so I have high hopes that this show will get bigger and better.

The most exciting part of my duties this year was to plan our division's participation in the Rec Fest in June. We were rewarded with the opportunity to meet and speak with Keith Colburn from the television series "Deadliest Catch". It was fun for me personally to have him participate in the Cold Water emersion test and share with the crowd the importance of understanding what happens to your body and your mind when you suddenly fall into cold water. What more of a teacher could we have had to educate the public on that subject.

To sum up this year, I again would like to thank all of you who gave your time to help with this year's events and it was an honor to represent Division 11 in all the events we participated in.

**Kristal Tighe
FO-PA
District 13
Division 130-11**

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Please feel free to share this newsletter with someone you think may enjoy it or feel inspired to join the Auxiliary. Think of why you joined the Auxiliary and of its many opportunities, the outreach into the community and the fellowship of our members. Our best recruiting tool is you. If you are reading this and are not a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, please feel free to contact me the editor of this newsletter Scott Tighe st.tse@earthlink.net, and I will be sure to have the proper personnel send you the information needed to join one of our Flotilla's. You do not even need to own a boat to participate, in any of our programs.

Division 11 members, please remember that this is your publication. Any member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary may submit an article for submission into this publication. As long as it is Coast Guard related, and stays within the guidelines as stated in the PB manual. This means that all articles submitted must be of an ethical nature, any material submitted which gives defamation of an individual or group and or is poor taste will not be printed. We cannot advertise for businesses or personnel items for sale. If you have photos of any group activities or individuals you want to recognize, please feel free to e-mail those with the name of the people or event in the photo, and the name of the person who took the photo. If you have any suggestions or would like to see some content found outside of the Division, please feel free to send your ideas to me. st.tse@earthlink.net

Thank you,
Scott Tighe
SO-PB

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