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We have Improvised Adapted and Overcome. We've adhered to all mandated protocols Many of us have updated our training qualifications, contacted each other on a regular basis, checked our Shipmate's status, health and wellness. We use computer conferencing platforms to teach, to examine and to inform.

On the education front, we are conducting a Division sponsored Virtual BOAT AMERICA class for 11 students beginning on November 4th. Thanks to each of our Instructors for stepping up to teach and do their part to keep the boating public safe.

A great course on Navigation (Weekend Navigator) is set for January (on-line) Kudos to Doug MacPherson, Don Anderson and John Hardin for putting this together. Richard Celia and Debbie Bernard are working on a Paddle Craft class for the Spring. Lot of 'STUFF' going on in Education.

In the realm of Public Affairs, a complete database of all marinas, marine dealers, yacht clubs and docks from Lake Tahoe to Rio Vista is being developed. With it, we can electronically spread the AUX message as well as lay the groundwork for visitations once the Covid protocols change. We need new Members, and people who boat and love the water are our best prospects and we will recruit them.

We are hopeful that the USCG will soon lift the balance of the restrictions in D-11 Many Auxiliary Units in the East are on full operational status. Clear an eye and ear to D11N messages!

That said, do not forget who you are. Do not forget the oath you took and the pledge you made to be that force multiplier and volunteer lifesaver. We are one of America's best kept secrets and that is our own fault. That said, spread the AUX message, fly the Blue Ensign, teach a class, call your Flotilla Commander and step up and offer your services. We are a team and a unique one at that. Don't let this current situation lessen the ardor that filled you when you raised your hand and made those promises, or when you put on that Uniform for the first time. It will happen again so be ready, be always ready, be SEMPER PARATUS.

I bid you Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmates.

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