

MINUTES
US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
DISTRICT 11NR ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING
17 August 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1900 PDT by DCO Angelo Perata. Joyce Bell, DSO-SR called the roll and the following were present:

DCO Angelo Perata	Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4
Rod Collins, DCOS	Wally Smith, DCDR-6
COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO	Lou Carroll, DCDR-7
Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS	Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES	Bill Correll, VCDR-10
Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SUP	Leon Borden, DCDR-11
CDR Curtis Sumrok, DIRAUX	Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO	Judy Esteban, P-PCA
Richard Celia, VCDR-1	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Ed Kief, DCDR-3	

DCO Perata introduced CDR Curtis Sumrok, our new DIRAUX. He is a fixed-wing pilot from Miami FL, and is now in his office at CG Island.

DCO Report to Board – DCO Perata stated that he does not have a formal report, but will comment, as needed.

District Board Reports – DCO Perata called for reports as follows:

Richard Celia, VCDR-1 – Report on file. Celia attended a Fleet Week planning meeting along with Rick Saver and Dave Talton. They need about 125 volunteers. A district-wide letter requesting volunteers has been sent out.

Edward Kief, DCDR-3 – Report on file. Division 3's membership started with 245, and they now have 252, which is an increase of 7 increase. Of these members, 219 are in 50-89 age group. We aren't getting young people like we should be. Kief would like feedback on ways to recruit younger members.

Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4 – Report on file. The division had a successful OPTREX. J. Gordon, SO-PE has been invited by Dr. T. Wang to be part of a national committee to enhance PE curriculum and practices

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Excused. Report on file.

Wally Smith, DCDR-6 – Report on file. The division has completed nearly 1500 VSC's so far this year. Many have come from lakes, which haven't been covered in the past. The lakes are a new focus for us. D-Train 2012 committees have been set up and planning is underway. It will be a great event.

Lou Carroll, DCDR-7 – Report on file. The division held a successful OPTREX at Strawberry. Carroll thanked CWO Kilburger for his great help. There were 7 candidates, with 6 qualifying. Attendance was one of the smallest, mostly because everyone was busy assisting with OTW events on other lakes. Carroll described an event at Bear Lake which we were unable to assist because we couldn't get a crew member up there. Is there anyway to reimburse crew members for traveling long distances?

Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8 – Report on file. The division has doubled its VSC's this year. Many of them have also been on lakes. Crescent City hosted a visit from new DIRAUX and DCO Perata. The division OPTREX will be held on Sep 30-Oct 2. Lee Redding, long-time member and past flotilla commander, recently passed away. A memorial is planned, but a date is not yet available.

Bill Carroll, VCDR-10 – The division held its webinar meeting on 3 August. The meeting went well. Members were able to attend a CG-hosted IS-300 and 400 training session. Division members participated in the Delta Blitz. A PE class will begin on August 27, and division elections will be on September 17 at a face-to-face meeting which will also including awards presentations.

Leon Borden, DCDR-11 – Report on file. The division needs an emergency call-out plan for the Lake Tahoe area. Kirkwood recommended they check with Division 1 to see what their plan looks like.

Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12 – Report on file. The division has had great luck with "Tuesday Nite Live" in getting new members. The division tried to use the new AIMs program to do some call-out. There were some issues. Some members were somewhat suspicious, thinking it was "fishing." Tarlson would like guidance from EXCOM for better use of the program. A proposed "Operation Every Ready" was sent to everyone. It is designed to try to boost efforts in AWW and surface operations to heighten awareness as we come to the 9/11 10th Anniversary. Tarlson asked for feedback on the program and approval from EXCOM. DCO Perata requested additional information on the program.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – The memorial project has started. We will be pouring concrete on Friday. Roger Haynes will have material at PCA Fair to get volunteers to help cut tile. Elections will be held during September meeting. Any past district commander, if they are a member and their dues are up-to-date, is eligible to run for office.

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file. Kirkwood visited Division 6, and commended division members for their hours of assistance during the Japan earthquake tsunami event. Kirkwood attended the RBS conference in San Diego, which included state, Coast Guard and Auxiliary representatives from the four states of District 11, and is coordinated by Paul Newman. There was a lot of focus this year on the swift water fatalities because of the big snow melt. The NSB Advisory Council is recommending that everyone be required to wear life jackets on boats under 17'. That would cover most of the fatalities. The Delta Blitz in Sacramento went very well, with about 200 VSC's. PCA Fair – 150 students are registered. AuxChef will be providing food during the PCA. We will also be looking for volunteers to assist with cutting tiles during the PCA Fair.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES – Report on file. The OPEX on July 16 turned out well. The AuxChef team members were great hosts. There were only 3 facilities, but it worked out well. We had 10 OTW events scheduled, but were only able to work on 4. CDR Sumrok was with us all day and did a

great job showing us how to work on his boat. Suggestions for the next OPEX include doing more close-quarters work. POMS is still down. We can still get pocket orders from the Patrol Area Coordinator.

Courtesy and Etiquette – CG Island is the center for the West Coast. When we go on the island, we need to follow courtesy and etiquette. Whenever an Auxiliarist receives a salute, it should be returned immediately and properly. When we pass a higher-ranking officer, we need to salute first. Many people have no military experience, so DCDR's need to do some training in that area, so that when we're on the Island we have the knowledge to behave properly.

LaChapelle reviewed Coast Guard uniform information in ALCOAST 291/11, which indicates that the hot weather uniform is no longer authorized. However, Auxiliary Uniform Guidance 015/11 provides some clarification regarding Auxiliary uniforms and includes language authorizing the hot weather uniform for Auxiliary use. LaChapelle has sent a copy of 015/11 to all DCDR's, who are encouraged to share it with their division members.

Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SUP – Report on file. The AuxChef program concluded its summer activities with the BBQ at YBI on July 29. Regarding the AIM program at the Coast Guard Academy, if you talk with kids who are interested, let them know it's a tough program. Many AIM participants this year washed out early in the program. "Tuesday Nite Live" is going well. Divisions 3 and 4 are following through with interested members. Some divisions are not doing so well. Please pass onto your HR people that if there is an interested person, they need to be contacted right away. Currently "Tuesday Nite Live" and National referrals are being sent to the SO-HR. Copies of these referrals will now also be sent to the DCDR. The land side of Fleet Week needs more volunteers.

COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO – COMO Williams attended the San Diego RBS workshop. When boating on lakes, people sometimes forget about the trailer. Don't forget to take care of the trailers. RTO communications need to be cleaned up. We are able to participating in high frequency nets. Dave Harris, Utah, want to equip their boats with DSC radios with MMSI numbers. Can these be considered for communication training?

Rod Collins, DCOS – There is a change in the Webinar protocol. Collins will be the point of contact for all meetings. If you have any meetings you want to use the Webinar for, contact Collins. Collins reminded everyone to get out the AWW message to everyone.

CDR Curtis Sumrok, DIRAUX – CDR Sumrok stated that he liked the Webinar venue for meetings. CDR Sumrok stated he is impressed with activities going on. He is getting inundated with reports of all of the Auxiliary activities. He is very proud. Keep it up!

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – CWO Kilburger was at Strawberry Reservoir last week-end. He was the only QE, but got a lot done. CWO Kilburger plans to put some information about speed, distance, time in the next OPS report. There is no new information on POMS and when it will be operational. With 5132's stacking up, the Chief Director is instructing that the Operator should not submit a claim for reimbursement until POMS is up. We Hope to hear something soon. If different radio frequencies are to be used with outside agencies, permission must be received from the Coast Guard with an agreement. Any questions, Kilburger will provide some points of contact. PPE are now going out to trainees. CWO Kilburger needs written documentation from FC that the individual is working on qualification, and they will be issued. PPE for trainees are issued a year out. We are now adding the mesh SAR vest to the PPE inventory.

BUSINESS

America's Cup Update – CDR Sumrok reported that he attended a meeting with COMO Connell to find out how much support we need for the America's Cup event. It's uncertain, but his sense is that we will be heavily involved. COMO Connell will take the lead for the Auxiliary. We are well underway with initial planning, including funding. There will be more to come later. Funding will be handled on the administrative end (DIRAUX). COMO Connell will handle the Auxiliary liaison work with the Coast Guard.

Staff Reports – DCO Perata asked that when district staff officers send out reports, especially ASC and OPS, please make sure the information gets to the FC's and members. It would save a lot of time if people were reading these reports.

Finance – There are 3 divisions now in arrears with dues payments. Make sure your dues are current so you can vote at the September elections.

Emergency Broadcast System Test – DCO Perata reported that there will be a test of the emergency broadcast system in September. We will be doing one earlier. Instructions from Bob Hendry, ASC will go to the FC's ahead of time.

Uniforms – DCO Perata reminded DCDR's about the free tucked ODU uniform program. The information and orders have been sent to the DCDR's. Get these in from your FC's as quickly as possible because distribution will be first-come-first served, and the sizes most Auxiliarists need are in short supply.

Nominations for District Captain – DCO Perata reported that there are currently five nominees for the office of district captain. They are:

Curtis Han
Mary Kirkwood
Mark McLaughlin
Nick Tarlson
Richard Thomas

DCO Perata reported that elections will take place at the 10 September 10 board meeting. Only incumbent board members may self-nominate. Any other qualified members wishing to be run must be nominated by a member of the district board.

POMS – CDR Sumrok addressed the current frustration with POMS. He encouraged members to please, please, please use chain of leadership to his office regarding reimbursements, and he will address it. If there are personal needs, let us take care of that and bring it up. Let DIRAUX work through it, so there is just one voice.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2025 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR