

**USCG AUXILIARY
D11N DISTRICT TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING
21 April 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 1900 PDT by DCO Mike Williams.

PRESENT

DCO Mike Williams	Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6
Angelo Perata, COS	Larry Kelley, DCDR-7
Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS	Richard Thomas, DCDR-8
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES	Rod Rollins, DCDR-10
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP	David Law, DCDR-11
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO	Roger Haynes, DCDR-12
Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4	Judy Esteban, P-PCA
Curtis Han, DCDR-5	

OLD BUSINESS

D-Train – DCO Williams reported that D-Train was a great success, with a record number of people attending.

Elected Officer Training – DCO Williams reported that the November District Board Meeting/Elected Officer Training schedule will be as follows:

- Friday Evening – Incoming District Board orientation.
- Saturday – District Board Meeting. Meeting will end by 1500, and training will begin immediately afterward.
- Sunday Morning – Elected officer training to continue.

ICS-210 – DCO Williams reported that D11N is over 100%, because we have trained all current Coxswains and have trained some people working on Coxswains and some crew. CWO Kilburger is looking for ways to get future trainees into the class, as they need it.

PPE Purchases by Members – DCO Williams reported that the recent survey showed that D11N has 514 members who purchased their own PPE equipment. There is no way they will be reimbursed for those purchases, because there is no funding. A request is being considered by National to allow members wear the personally-purchased PFD's as civilians. New Crew and Coxswains who have not received PPE's, let DIRAUX know so they can be outfitted. Outfitting will depend on inventory available and budget constraints. As PPE's become unserviceable, they will be replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget – DCO Williams reported that we have had a \$20,000 cut in budget this year. The May meeting, therefore, will only have partial staff funding.

Retirements – DCO Williams reviewed the following Coast Guard retirements:

- ADM Breckenridge – 17 May
- CAPT Cullen -25 June

- CAPT Gugg – 19 August

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA is preparing an electronic picture frame as a gift for each of them. Divisions are invited to contribute photos to be included. They need to be sent to McAlwee right away.

NSBW – Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS reported that all divisions were represented at D-Train NSBW meeting. He noted that everyone had a good plan for the week. All divisions have at least one thing going on. Please take lots of pictures and include the photographs in your report. NSBW report goes to Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA/NSBW Chairman.

Operational Exercises – Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES and Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP reported that there is a large OPEX planned at Brannan Island on 15-17 October. It will be multi-faceted with two SARs. No qual sign-offs are planned, but we could probably do some on Sunday, if needed. The OPEX will have air, surface and land mobile units and will operate under ICS criteria. Flotilla 3-10 will manage the exercise, but will not be participating.

Elections – DCO Williams reported that elections will be held in September for all district offices. Anyone wishing to run for a district office must file their “Intent to Run” by the July meeting. Williams will be available to talk about obligations and qualifications for office with anyone interested. All division elections will have a representative of the DCO in attendance. If the division’s DCAPT liaison is unable to attend, another district officer will attend.

REPORTS

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Absent. Report on file .

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Absent. Report on file .

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Report on file . The division completed Opening Day with 8 facilities on the water. Jeff Price brought the comms trailer down. They had one city boat there also. Crew qual is high priority with an OPTREX in June. There will be Dock Walker training in San Jose. The division is building a relationship with the Northern California outrigger canoe group.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file . On 10 April the division had a PA event at Santa Rosa at the Wells Fargo Center, called “Pebble in a Pond.” It was a boating safety event, and was well attended. They also assisted at a Bodega Bay “build and sail” canoe event. 27 April will be another boating safety class at Travis AFB.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file . The division held a TCT class at STN Monterey for both CG and Auxiliary. STN Monterey has donated 3 RDF’s to trace false Mayday calls. The division has been conducting some of the AUXOP classes.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Report on file . Kelley gave an update on the CG helo that went down in March. Three were injured. Two are back on duty. The third member is in the hospital in Portland OR near her home. Kelley talked with her father recently, who said recovery is slow, but is coming along. VSC stations are planned for NSBW. Two OPTREXs planned – one in June at Jordanelle and one in August at Strawberry.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file . Crescent City finished their spaghetti feed, with 65 attendees, and 5 or 6 new members. Thomas met with station commanders at the CG stations in the division to promote Auxiliary participation to assist with CG activities.

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 – Report on file . Mike Lauro completed his 10,000th VSC at Lake Millerton last week. The division qualified several people at their OPTREX and have held a TCT class.

David Law, DCDR-11 – Report on file . Nevada is still in winter mode. They are getting with winter boat storage boat people by sponsoring an open house to do VSC's while boats are still in storage.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – The division participated at a booth last weekend in the Jack London Boat Show with CalBoating. They distributed 800 dock-walker kits. The division OPTREX is on 19 June. Ray Tsunioshi is no longer head of Cal Boating.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file . We are looking for any class suggestions for the August PCA Fair. The PCA Poker Run is on the calendar and on web site. We are doing something to encourage early registration – the registration fee waived if you sign-up early. There will also be some bonus events.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file . Kudos to all the divisions on their NSBW planning.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES – Orders requests through POMS need to be submitted 1 week in advance. Some coordinators have had difficulty getting on to approve orders, but this is being worked out. Divisions and flotillas are encouraged to regenerate their telephone trees this summer. A telephone tree template is available from Division 11 (on division web site).

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP – LaChapelle is reviewing video conferencing options. The Brannan Island OPEX is underway. They will be looking to DCDRs to assist with this exercise.

Angelo Perata, COS – Report on file . All district members are invited to the Lake Shasta OPTREX.

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – Regarding the upcoming **Waesche** commissioning, email invitations have gone out to the Auxiliary in general. Parking on the island will be restricted. If your invitation did not come with a parking pass, you will not be able to get on the Island. If you don't have a pass, you should park at the coliseum parking lot, where visitors will be bused to the commissioning.

DCO Williams reported on the following agenda items from the NAPM meeting:

- The new Auxiliary Manual is in review. It should be ready for distribution in Sept/Oct. There will be some significant changes.
- There will be no funding for SAR Competitions in the Pacific area or at National.
- New Division and Flotilla Procedures manuals are in for approval. They should be coming out in the fall.
- AUXOP courses status – This is being reviewed at Headquarters. We hope to have info available at NACON regarding course changes.

- Logos, Patches, Flags – Will be reviewed by National for District, and District for Divisions. We hope to have something to you on this by May.
- A new SAR reporting form will be out in late fall.
- National is still working on a method to get ICS-210 to people in the pipeline.
- There has been a request to change the National policy so that elected leaders must live in their geographic area.
- Paddlecraft ID decals – we hope to have them shortly.
- VSC decals have been distributed to the units.
- RBS is still the focus of the Admiral in D11, so keep working on this part of the Auxiliary program.

FINAL COMMENTS

Curtis Han – Will not be available as photographer for the **Waesche** commissioning. Anyone taking photos, please submit them to Bill Darling.

Wayne Farnholtz – DIRAUX has just received a box of paddlecraft decals. There are not a lot for the public, but members may request some for use with their VSC work.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2050 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR