

SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Office of the Chief of Police

FROM: Sergeant William R. Fraass, Marine Patrol Supervisor

SUBJECT: Sausalito Police's Marine Patrol Unit's Achievements in 2011

DATE: 1/1/2012

This memorandum is to serve as a summary of the achievements of the Sausalito Police Department's Marine Patrol Unit for 2011.

TIME UNDERWAY

In 2011, The Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit logged 300 hours of patrol/training time on Richardson's/San Francisco Bay. In addition not only is this the most time the Sausalito Police Department Marine Patrol Unit has spent underway in any one year since the creation of the unit, it is more time on the water than the previous two years combined.

In addition to the time underway, the Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit amassed 7,416 stand-by hours in 2011. This means that the Marine Patrol Unit had the ability to launch and take enforcement or rescue action within 15 minutes of an emergency or event on the water. The reason why the Marine Patrol Unit is so readily available is due to the fact there are Marine Patrol members on each of the four patrol teams.





(Marine Two On Patrol)

EQUIPMENT

This year the Sausalito Police Department and the United States Army Corps of Engineers entered into an agreement to share a 26 foot Safeboat. This agreement is the first time the United States Army and a civilian law enforcement agency have shared equipment. The Safeboat, named "Marine One", gives the Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit two vessels to use for enforcement/rescue/patrol operations. "Marine One's" capabilities are far superior to those of "Marine Two" and will greatly assist the Marine Patrol Unit in performing their duties.

The Marine Patrol Unit also added a two million candle power hand held search light, marine patrol specific citations, grappling hooks, and an all weather storage case to their equipment inventory.





(Marine One)

TRAINING

During 2011, Detective Brian Mather, Officer Brandon Rodgers, and Officer Francisco Padilla were qualified as boat operators. Officer Nick White is currently being trained to be a boat operator.

All members of the Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit were qualified as boat operators on the 26 foot Safeboat "Marine One."

The Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit conducted consistent training with the Marin County Sheriff's Office's Marine Patrol, United States Coast Guard, San Rafael Police Department's Marine Patrol Unit, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Richardson's Bay Regional Agency throughout the year. The trainings covered topics such as tactics, communications between vessels, boarding, water rescues, statutory laws, helicopter operations, and towing distressed vessels.





(On Going Training)

OUTSIDE PARTNERSHIPS

In 2011, the Sausalito Police Department and the United States Coast Guard Station Golden Gate created a Memorandum of Understanding which facilitated information/intelligence sharing, coordinated training, provided for the sharing of maritime law enforcement personnel, and authorized joint operations between the two agencies.

Members of the Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit attend the monthly Richardson's Bay Law Enforcement Meeting throughout the year. This meeting is also attended by the United States Coast Guard, Marin County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit, San Rafael Police Marine Patrol Unit, and other agencies such as the Richardson's Bay Regional Agency, Marin County Probation, and Marin County Major Crimes Task Force. During these meetings information/intelligence is shared, training is coordinated, and future law enforcement operations are discussed and planned.

When staffing allows, members of the Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit attend the monthly Neptune Coalition Meetings at the United States Coast Guard Sector San Francisco Base on Yerba Buena Island. During these meetings, marine units from public safety agencies and military units from the Bay Area meet to discuss equipment, regional trainings, future operations, maritime events, and possible maritime threats.

ENFORCEMENT/SERVICE

During 2011, the Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit took the following actions in enforcement/service/events:

 The lead agency in a multi-department law enforcement operation on Richardson's Bay on September 24th. 24 officers from 9 different law enforcement specialties conducted this 6 hour high impact patrol which resulted in 20 vessel stops, 3 arrests, 5 citations, 8 vessel boardings, 12 safety inspections, 6 vessel searches, and 4 probation contacts.

- Participated in a multi-department law enforcement operation on Richardson's Bay on June 10th. The Marin County Sheriff's Marine Patrol was the lead agency for this 7 hour operation that resulted in numerous stops, boardings, and searches.
- Active in enforcement of Vehicle Codes, Penal Codes, Health and Safety Codes, Harbor's and Navigation codes, Fish and Game Codes, Title 13 and Title 14, Richardson's Bay Regional Agency Codes, Sausalito Municipal Codes, as well as in warrant services, criminal investigations, and Boating Under the Influence Investigations. During the year, the Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit made 9 arrests, stopped 125 vessels, issued 12 citations, gave 107 warnings regarding various boating violations/safety issues, searched 28 vessels, and boarded 56 vessels. The Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit recorded all time highs in each statistical category this year.
- Conducted 86 Homeland Security Checks of critical infrastructure in and around Richardson's Bay (i.e. Golden Gate Bridge, Sausalito Ferry Landing, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Dock and Property, etc).
- Performed 154 security patrols of the various marinas/harbors in Sausalito.
- Contacted 177 citizens regarding non-law enforcement maritime matters.
- Conducted 3 water rescues from Richardson's Bay.
- Recovered 2 stolen vessels.
- Conducted several joint law enforcement patrols with the U.S. Coast Guard on Richardson Bay.
- Conducted "Voyage Terminations" for vessels operating in an unsafe manner in Richardson Bay.
- Responded to medical/fire aid calls on vessels in Richardson's Bay.
- Performed numerous well fare/safety checks on boaters and vessels.
- Conducted several vessel assists and tows due to vessels being damaged or suffering from mechanical problems.





(Boardings and Searches by SPD)

EVENTS

During 2011, the Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit participated in the following events:

- Opening Day on the Bay
- City of Sausalito's Fourth of July Fireworks
- Plane Crash/Recovery in Richardson's Bay
- Sausalito Art Festival
- San Francisco-Bay Area Fleet Week (The largest Fleet Week in the United States during 2011)
- Homeless Outreach on Richardson's Bay
- Lighted Boat Parade.
- Mayor's Committee America's Cup Committee Tour

RECOGINITION

In 2011, the Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit received the following recognition for their performance:

- Detective Mather received a letter of appreciation (via e-mail) from a citizen for the professionalism, boat handling skills, and friendliness he displayed while towing the citizen's disabled vessel during Fleet Week.
- Corporal Shoup received a letter of appreciation (via e-mail) from a citizen for his
 professionalism, politeness, and friendliness while conducting boat boardings/inspections
 along with the Coast Guard to ensure the vessel was safe for the boater and the
 environment.
- Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit members received a letter of appreciation (via e-mail) from a citizen thanking them for conducting the joint agency operation on September 24th and addressing the issue of crimes along the waterfront.
- Sausalito Police Marine Patrol Unit members received a letter of thanks from the U.S.
 Coast Guard Captain in command of Sector San Francisco for their role in providing for security during Fleet Week.

GOALS FOR 2012

The goals for the Sausalito Marine Patrol Unit in 2012 are:

- Increase operational hours on Richardson's Bay
- Continue to work in conjunction with allied agencies to address issues of crime, quality of life, environmental, and safety problems on Richardson's Bay
- Continue enforcement and education efforts upon Richardson's Bay
- · Increase training opportunities by coordinating with allied agencies
- Attempt to establish an auxiliary program in order to have a pool of non-sworn employees and citizen volunteers trained to assist sworn officers in staffing patrol vessels and performing operations.

Respectfully submitted,

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