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TO: Angelo Perata - Commodore

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We normally fly about four patrols per week, however, the rain and weather conditions this past winter has reduced our flights to about two per week. With the dry weather coming along, we are now able to schedule and complete more flights.

WORKING WITH AUX VESSELS: We are regularly working with aux vessels in the Delta, conducting both training exercises and actual assists.

RESUME FLIGHTS TO ECHO SECTOR: The Air Station has authorized aux air flights to Lake Tahoe and the other lakes in Echo Sector when we have specific requests and missions.

CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH COAST GUARD UNITS: Thanks to our Air Station AUXLO, LT Ian Groom, we spent the entire day on Thursday, 09 June 2011, meeting with various Coast Guard units at Sector in order to explore additional ways that aux air can provide assistance. We met with the Enforcement Division, the Marine Safety Division, the Aids to Navigation Team, and the Command Center. As a result of these meetings we are jointly developing operational procedures for aux air to assist with general SAR cases and First Light Responses; as well as with NAVAIDS, Maritime Safety and PWCS; along with Pollution and MEP ops. We also expect to increase the number of fam flights for the operational units at Sector and for the several Stations around the Bay and Delta.

SAFETY WORKSHOP, 30 APRIL 2011: We had a successful safety workshop on April 30th at Coast Guard Island.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND AUX EVENTS: We are participating in various public appearances with our aux helicopter and other aircraft. We will be participating in upcoming OPTREX exercises and other events.

Respectfully submitted,
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