

DOCKLINES March 2010



Flotilla 11-03 Newsletter
March 2010

Monthly meetings: 3rd Wednesday of every month, 1900 hours, Round Table Pizza Parlor, Old Town Mall, South Virginia, Reno, Nevada. The next meeting is March 17, 2010.

Kathy Boyne reminds us to get our Member Activity Log (7029) and Activity Report – Missions (7030) to her. Some awards are based on the hours our members put in. Help each other and help the Flotilla achieve the recognition deserved by submitting your time spent doing Auxiliary activities. Also, submitted hours are a way for the United States Coast Guard to know what the Auxiliary is doing, and is the basis for Auxiliary funding.

PATROLS

The Coxswain and Crew of Flotilla 11-03 extend an invitation to anyone that is interested in learning more about Search and Rescue (SAR) and / or the patrols we do, to come take a ride with us. Please be aware that during the colder weather you will be required to be certified for the 900 suit. The 900 suit is a dry suit that will keep you warm and dry, out or in the water.

Crosby Lodge President's Day Fishing Derby - February 6, 7, 13, and 14, 2010

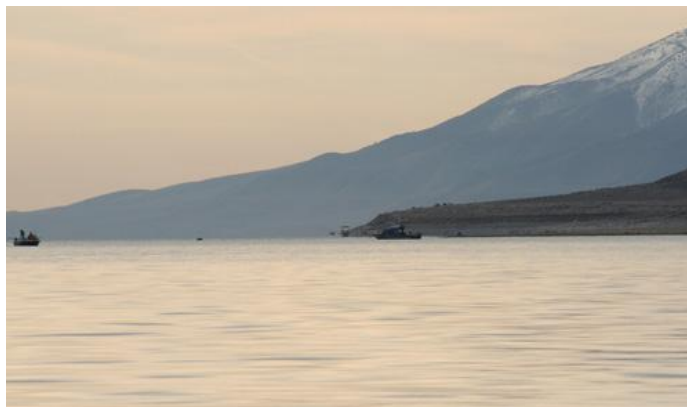
The event was held at Pyramid Lake. *Camie Marie* from 11-01, *Shiv'r Me Timbers* and *Following Sea* from 11-03, and *Carolyn J* from 11-05 patrolled on various days. The U.S. Coast Guard safety boat 0579 from Station Tahoe was also on patrol the second weekend of the event. Flotilla 11-01's Dave Law, Jack Leth, and Bill Leppard were mobile communications on top Spider Point on February 6, 13, and 14, respectively. Pictures of mobile communications for the Crosby Lodge Fishing Derby have been posted by Jack Leth (11-01) as well as an article about mobile communications titled "Use of Radios in the CG Auxiliary" on the Division [website](#) under "Div 11 Blogs" (or the article after this newsletter). No Auxiliary facilities went out on February 7 due to icy road conditions. Following are pictures of the Crosby Lodge Fishing Derby.



February 6



February 13



Looking towards Spider Point at some of the fishing boats on the morning of February 14.



Fishing boats on February 14.



Fishing at Pelican Beach.



Following Sea with Tom Komadina as Coxswain and Leon Borden and Carlos Vasquez as boat crew on February 6.



Tom Henderson (11-01) keeping watch as *Shiv'r Me Timbers* heads towards the Needles.



The geyser at the Needles.



Shiv'r Me Timbers and *Following Sea* practiced Search and Rescue (SAR) on February 6. A float with an orange flag was used as a Datum and a throwable flotation device was used to represent a person in the water (PIW). Pat Walter (11-01) is getting ready to receive the datum as Tom Henderson watches.



Following Sea with Tom Komadina as Coxswain and Dee Dee Kincade (11-01), John Boyne, and Nevin Armstrong as boat crew on February 13.



Camie Marie with Bill Stolz as Coxswain and Dee Dee Kincade, Chris Minedew, and Rich Kishpaugh (all with 11-01) as boat crew on February 6. Bill Stolz had a nice lunch barbeque on his facility.



The following weekend, Jim Kreamsner, Coxswain of *Shiv'r Me Timbers*, had a nice lunch barbeque.



Shiv'r Me Timbers rafted with *Carolyn J* and 0579 to share the lunch barbeque.



A seagull decided to join us.



Mobile communications on top Spider Point February 14.

MEMBER ARTICLE

Light List

The U.S. Coast Guard publishes several documents to assist boaters in practicing good seamanship in boat operations. These documents provide vital information to help operate a vessel safely and for a more enjoyable trip. Three of the documents include the U.S. Coast Guard *Light List*, U.S. Coast Guard *Local Notice to Mariners*, and the *Coast Pilots* published by NOAA Office of Coast Survey. Updates to Aids to Navigation are regularly listed in *Local Notice to Mariners*.

The *Light List* is a seven volume publication made available yearly. Each of the seven volumes contains a list of the navigation aids for a geographic region. A hardcopy version can be purchased for the areas of interest, or sections can be downloaded online at the USCG Navigation Center [website](#). The navigable waters of Lake Tahoe and Northern California are included in Volume VI, which includes all of the Pacific Coast and Pacific Islands.

The *Light List* includes marine aids to navigation such as lights, sound beacons, buoys, and daybeacons that are maintained by or under the authority of the U.S. Coast Guard. In addition to aids, the *Light List* includes other useful information such as a page describing the U. S Aids to Navigation descriptions and guides to help boaters identify and properly use aids seen on the water. Each volume describes in detail how the *Light List* is organized and updated, and how the U.S. Aids to Navigation system operates. Some information will not necessarily be relevant to all areas. For example, Lake Tahoe compared to San Francisco Bay and the Delta.

The main section of the *Light List* includes detailed information about Aids to Navigation. Information includes the list number, name and location, approximate latitude and longitude, light characteristic, height above water in feet, nominal range of some lights, a description of the aid (structure), and any remarks such as sound signals, arcs, RACON, and seasonal information.

For example, in the *Light List*, Sugar Pine Point Light has the following information listed:

- Light List Number: 8405
- Name and Location: SUGAR PINE POINT LIGHT
- Position: 39-03-40.518N 120-06-50.142W
- Characteristic: FI W 4s
- Height: 15
- Range: 8
- Structure: NR on tower
- Remarks: (blank)

The boater can use the position information to help locate the light on a chart for its exact position. The light characteristics will help the boater identify the light at night. In this case, the boater should look for a white light that flashes every four seconds. The light is 15 feet above the water and should be visible from 8 miles away on a clear night. The 'NR' structure is defined in the *Light List* as a diamond-shaped dayboard with four diamond shaped sectors top and bottom in red and sides in white (there is a good picture of an NR dayboard at the beginning of the *Light List*). When the boater finds this aid, the boater will then be able to plot a line of position on a chart, and use this to help determine his / her location on the Lake.

Another Lake Tahoe aid is listed as follows:

- Light List Number: 8465
- Name and Location: Emerald Bay Entrance Lighted Buoy 2
- Position: 38-57-54.023N 120-04-55.683W
- Characteristic: FI R 2.5s
- Height: (blank)
- Range: 3
- Structure: Red
- Remarks: (blank)

This buoy is also lighted with a red flash every 2.5 seconds. In the daytime, the buoy is a red nun buoy with a '2' on the side. Because of the dangerous shallow and rocky areas at the Emerald Bay entrance, it is vital to know how to identify these aids, and know how to pass them safely. When boating in new areas, it is important to know the aids to navigation that will be encountered. Many Lake Tahoe boaters will go to San Francisco Bay or the Delta to take in the sights or good fishing, but be confronted by an array of aids they have never seen before.

Some of these aids will keep the boater off rocks, out of the way of freighters, and down the center of dredged channels. It is important to be prepared. Can you find this aid on a chart and figure out what this would look like from your boat?

- Light List Number: 7460
- Name and Location: RANGE A REAR LIGHT 540 yards, 200⁰ from front light
- Position: 38-19-45.909N 121-39-01.190W
- Characteristic: Iso W 6s
- Height: 43
- Range: (blank)
- Structure: KRW on pile
- Remarks: Visible 5° each side of leading line

-Dave Young

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a list of upcoming events, visit Flotilla 11-03's [website](#) and click on the Events Calendar. March 12 – 14, 2010 is the Motorsports and Recreation Expo at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. The Reno Flotilla will have an information booth at this event. Also, be sure to check the Events Calendar for upcoming patrols.

An About Boating Safely class is scheduled for March 20, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at the IGT Training Center in South Reno. For more information, visit Flotilla 11-05's [website](#) and click on Public Education / Boating Safety Education.

Do not forget to take a look at other articles, photos, and videos posted under the News, Photos, and Videos tab on this website. Articles and photos are posted regularly. This is a good way to read and see what activities are taking place in Sierra Division 11.

Photos By: Pat Walter and Dee Walter

📅 03/03/10 08:42:41 pm, by [dwalter](#) 📧, 1414 words, Categories: [Reno Flotilla 3 Newsletter](#)