

Steven Chan (schanhb@pacbell.net) has agreed to serve as ADSO-MT/W where he will attempt to keep a District wide member training calendar up-to-date and posted on the Member Training page of the District Web Site. If your Flotilla and Division MT Officers will e-mail a notice to Steven about any member training activities planned where members from other units are welcome, then it will get posted on the District Web Site. The initial (very rough) example is available for viewing. Many thanks are due to Irene Wetzel DSO-CS for making this facility available.

In conjunction with the PCA Training Fair in February, D11N held the first AUXSC&E class of the year. This four-day class is derived from the Coast Guard's SC&E class (taught exclusively by the National SAR School Staff) and is a replacement for AUXSAR. Despite numerous difficulties, mostly associated with the lack of printed training materials and charts and the security measures surrounding the exams, all 21 students successfully completed the course. Steve Salmon saved the day by finally acquiring and printing the final exams.

Members who successfully completed the class and are currently IT and OPS qualified may teach the course. Since the training materials are not yet available from ANSC, the Student Study Guide, textbook, workbook, and practice plotting problems can be downloaded from the MT page on the District Web Site as PDF files. Units that desire to hold this class should contact one of the members below for assistance. Joyce Bell, Bob Peterson, Steve Salmon, Margaret Wall, Hannelore Maddox or me. The 13218 chart is required for the course.

The Coast Guard has a new e-learning site: <http://64.207.134.26/usr/moodle/>. There is a good introduction to SAR, SAR Fundamentals (e-SAR) that is available to members. Members need to use their ID number and generate a password for the site. e-SAR has three modules, which taken together make a good primer for AUXSC&E.

The <http://www.auxetrain.org> site has been shut down and users are vectored to the new D7 Director's Site that, at present, does not contain much of the training material that was present on auxetrain. The National T-Department site has some of the presentations that were on the auxetrain site. The National E-Department site has powerpoint presentations for public education classes. Flotillas and Divisions that have lost or misplaced their MT CD with the powerpoint presentations for the specialty courses may contact me for a replacement.

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