



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
District Eleven North Region
DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT



To: Wally Smith, Commodore
From: Randy McCormick, Division Commander
Re: Div. 5 February 2018 Report – Respectfully Submitted

February 4, 2018
Division: 05

HIGHLIGHTS/"UPS":

1. COWs
2. Member Training is Underway
3. Building working relationships with CG Stations
4. Div. 5 2018 Goals

DETAILS:

1. The Change of Watch season ended for Div. 5 with Flotilla 53 and Flotilla 57 holding their Change of Watch in January. Congrats to Flotilla 55 for winning the Flotilla of the Year award for Division 5. A great time was had by all as the successes of 2017 were celebrated and 2018 Direction was set. A special thank you to Steve Johnson, VCDR Div. 5 who did an admirable job representing the Division at each of the COWs while I was away on business.
2. Div. 5 is putting forth a very strong Member Training program in 2018 under the leadership of Curtis Han, SO-MT. Right out of the gate very timely training is being made available to Div. 5 and all surrounding areas. Immediate training topics include "What you need to Know about the California Boater Card", Boat Crew, Coxswain and VE Workshops, Leadership and Communications Exercises, Dock Walker and many more to come. Member Training is vital in creating a continuous learning environment that supports the goal of training to high proficiency and excellence.
3. Building a strong working relationship with local CG Stations, LE and Other Agencies is a key to help fulfill several missions of the Auxiliary at the Flotilla Level. This relationship of trust and understanding of our capabilities ensures that the Auxiliary is considered as a resource opportunity as they plan their activities and opens opportunities for us to use their resources as well. Flotilla 55 (Sonoma) has maintained a strong relationship with CG Sta. Bodega Bay to the point where they are fully embedded in their activities. FC Sarnicola and team from Flotilla 52 (Napa) met with CG Sta. Vallejo, Sr. Chief Brooks to ensure that the Station know of their capabilities, availability and most importantly, their desire to support the station. FC Bob Bain and his team from Flotilla 57 (Diablo) have been working with the local Contra Costa municipalities, yacht clubs and marinas to secure training space and plan out blitzes. They have all done a great job reaching out beyond their Flotilla to create opportunities for their membership.
4. Div. 5 met most of its 2017 Goals/Targets and far exceeded some. The 2018 goals have been adjusted to reflect the reality of having less people, facilities and other resources. Div. 5 is down by 60 members over the last 3 years and we have lost several members that put up large percentages of Div. 5's overall accomplishments. However, if you look at our 2018 targets, these are still very big numbers and we fully intend to meet and in some cases exceed them. Success for Div. 5 is to work towards more members contributing to each of the missions versus a few members delivering huge numbers. The more diverse our member involvement, the healthier and stable our Div. will be.

PROJECTS:

1. Boat Coxswain/Boat Crew/VE Workshop/Training – Feb. 3
2. Div. 5 OPTREX – April 7th
3. Div. 5 Golf Tournament – June 30th, 2018

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES (“Downs”):

1. Ensuring that every program and mission is getting their feet under them, providing the needed assistance and ultimately everyone getting into a rhythm of success.
2. Normal beginning of the year controlled chaos.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Wil Sumner did one patrol with Margarita on January 6, training with Lakeville Fire and their two boats, with two boat training and real man overboard drills.

2018 Targets:

DIV. 5 RESULTS – 2018														
	Target	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
MDT	90%	126												86%
OPS	1,300hrs	75												6%
PV	700	0												0%
PE	200hrs	0												0%
VE	500	14												3%
TTL	16,000hrs	293												2%

Mandated Training (JAN) = 126 (Completed MANDT) / (171 (Total Div. 5) – 25 (AP Status)) = 86%

Items of Note:

1. I have a very strong Board for 2018. I expect our Flotillas will grow stronger in 2018.

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