



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



To: Wally Smith, Commodore

July, 2018
for June Activities

From : Lana Visser, Division Commander

Division: 113-07 Utah

HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

1. Summer Patrols in full swing
2. Tim Kahn Visit to Division 7
3. Division Training at Willard Bay June 22-24
4. August Optrex Planning continues
5. Elections and Dues

DETAILS:

- With summer finally here, Operations have been ramping up to full throttle at the lakes we patrol along the Wasatch Front - Bear Lake, Deer Creek, Jordanelle Reservoir, Utah Lake, and Willard Bay. We have 8 facilities patrolling these various lakes. Auxiliarists in the Operations Program have already done quite a few assists and SARs. New crew candidates and auxiliarists who will be requalifying at our Optrex in August are working on getting ready for their QE sessions.
- Division 7 enjoyed a visit from DSO-DV Tim Kahn who gave the Division Board a presentation on Diversity June 28. His presentation was excellent, and everyone at the meeting came away with a better understanding of the different aspects of Diversity in the Auxiliary. He gave a thorough overview of the *NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity* that will play a major role in setting 2019 goals for Division 7 Flotillas and Division. It is always very much appreciated when we have DSOs visit as it gives our members an opportunity to ask questions and get a better understanding of each of our programs. My heart-felt thanks to Tim for making the trip to Utah and for his timely presentation as we look forward to 2019. And we were sorry to learn that he will be retiring at the end of 2018.
- Paul Custance (FC, Flotilla 73) and Carl Henning (FC, Flotilla 76) and several others organized an outstanding training event and Division activity on June 22-24. Auxiliary facilities involved were *Z-Boat, Rover, Justice, and PWV 1 and PWC 2*. Radio facility was provided by Rex Miner. A total of 21 Division 7 Auxiliarists attending the event for good times, friendship, and good fellowship.
 - Como Mike Williams attended the event and sent me the following report: "In observing the training and logistical support, I congratulate all involved for a successful, and professionally executed event. Once again it is reinforced that we gain confidence in our ability to respond by spending many hours on the water, facing scores of unique and complex situations. Competence, skill, training and repetition of basic tasks builds extreme confidence."
 - Como Williams also reported: "Willard Bay presents many unique challenges. In responding to a disabled PWC, *ZBoat* experienced a unique situation. The operator, who was mute and deaf. His young daughter (I presume) tried to interpret and explain what the situation was. In a very challenging situation, Ann and her crew responded with great understanding and professionalism. Eventually Roy and Sara Vandermolen provided assistance from their PWC to finish up the tow and trailering."

- Many involved in this event arrived Friday, June 22 to set up camp and stayed the entire weekend. Saturday and Sunday morning activities consisted of training, patrols, VEs, and working on qualifications. Everyone met back at the main campsite for lunch on Saturday, and Saturday afternoon resumed with more training, patrols, and VEs. Saturday evening after patrols everyone gathered together for a delicious potluck dinner and a lot of fellowship.
- Several Auxiliarists did VEs, several Auxiliarists got out of REYR status in both Operations and VEs, and many training hours and patrol hours were put in for preparation for the August OpTrex.
- I would like to add my congratulations and thanks to Flotilla 73 and Flotilla 76 for their hard work with this event. It has set a high bar for future Division events, of which I am sure this event will be a continuing event on Division 7's yearly calendar.



- Preparations continue for our August 18 Optrex at Jordanelle Reservoir. The following are working towards being at our Optrex: 1 new crew candidate, 4 boat crew candidates for requals, and 7 coxswains for requals.
- Notices requesting Letters of Intent for Division DCDR and VCDR have been sent to Division 7 membership. Division elections will be held September 27, 2018. Flotillas are preparing to send out their Letters of Intent for flotilla offices, and dues notices are underway.

PROJECTS:

1. OpTrex August 18, 2018 at Jordanelle Reservoir
2. Planning for our 2018 COW has started
3. Exploring and choosing a new option for storage of Division materials

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES (3 Downs”):

1. Continuing poor Division involvement in PA events
2. Boat Crew availability for weekend patrols
3. Lack of participate in other mission activities by division members

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. We continue to enjoy an excellent relationship with the park managers, park rangers, and park personnel at the lakes we patrol.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Continue to work with the FCs to identify members to work on re-activation.
2. Identify the reasons Division members are not participating in PA activities. This may be done with a poll of division members to find out their hesitancy about joining PA activities (plus other activities!). After identifying reasons, we will start working on overcoming those concerns.
3. Establish a Division Facebook page.

DIVISION 7			
	2017	2018	May YTD
	Actual	Goals	
MT (hrs)	480.90	500	282.80
OPS (underway hours)	3757.90	3800	994.70
PA (hrs) Division Events	225.00	250	186.80
PE (hrs)	43.00	50	76
PV (#)	270	300	47
VE (#)	235	250	78
Total Division Hours - all missions	15519.15	11,000	3525.30