



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



To: Wally Smith, Commodore

August, 2018

From : Lana Visser, Division Commander

Division: 113-07 Utah

HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

1. Special Forces Parachute Jump
2. Successful OpTrex
3. PA Event in Perry, UT
4. Letter from UT Governor to all UT boaters
5. Season winding down

DETAILS:

- Utah Special Forces had scheduled parachute jump training on August 11, 2018 at Deer Creek Reservoir on August 11, 2018. Training was for Special Forces parachuters who would be practicing water landing in the lake and be picked up by Special Forces vessels. The ranger at Deer Creek Reservoir asked for the Auxiliary's help to provide perimeter control at the north end of Deer Creek Reservoir to keep boaters out of the area during this training. Flotillas 07-02, 07-03, and 07-76 responded with two boats, 2 PWCs, and two comms units to help secure the north end of the lake during this training. Photo credits: Paul Custance and 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st SF



- Division 7 had a successful OpTrex on Saturday, August 18 at Jordanelle Reservoir. The storm on Friday night that pounded Jordanelle with rain, hail, thunder, and lightening had everyone wondering about the weather the next day, but Saturday dawned sunny and warm (after the clouds burned off) and the day turned out beautiful.

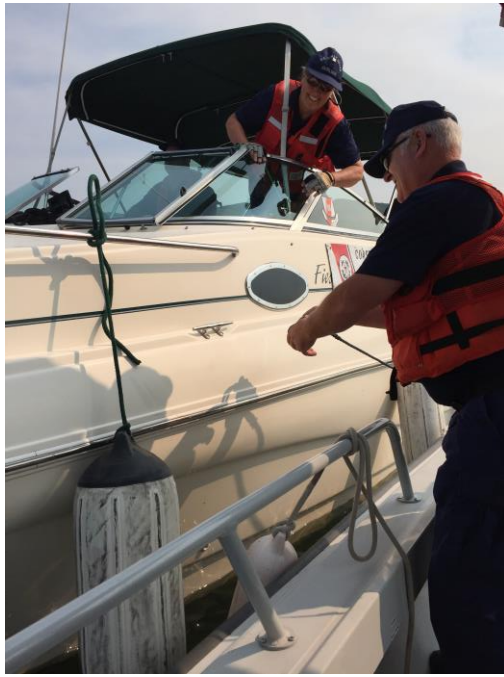
We had one boat crew candidate, Chris Phillips from Flotilla 113-07-06, who successfully completed his QE session and is now our newest boat crew member. It was reported to me that Chris was highly trained and extremely competent, which reflects highly on his flotilla leadership and mentors, and Chris's own work and preparation. We also had 6 coxswains, 4 boat crew candidates, and 4 PWC operators successfully complete their requalification.

We would like to thank Bill Stoltz, COMO Mike Maddox, and OTO Doug Leavell for traveling to Utah as QEs for our OpTrex. Their knowledge, training, and suggestions on some areas of improvement we need to make that will help strengthen the Ops program in Division 7.

A very special **"thank you!"** to Hannelore Maddox for her AUXCOM leadership and helping with communications during our OpTrex. She did a fantastic job and provided a terrific example of superb AUXCOM skills for all at the Optrex.

As Division Commander, I would like to congratulate all our successful candidates and all those who participated and supported our event which helped to make our OpTrex a success. In particular, I would like to thank COMO Mike Williams on planning and implementing a successful OpTrex. His planning and coordination under ever-changing conditions and circumstances was key to keeping everything moving forward. His leadership in not only this OpTrex but in past OpTrexes, has been invaluable. Photo credits: Lana Visser





- Flotilla 113-07-06 participated in the annual “National Day Out” sponsored by Perry City, Utah, on August 7, 2018. This was a nationwide crime, drug, and violence prevention program that Perry City also expanded to include public Safety information. Please see the DSO-PA’s report for further details. Photo Credits: Tony Zocchi



- Utah Governor Gary Herbert has sent a letter to all boat owners in Utah asking for their help in the battle against quagga mussels. It specifically mentioned an unprecedented number of boats exiting Lake Powell have been found to have invasive mussels attached to the vessel and inside intake and water systems, even after only being in Lake Powell for a day or two. The letter encourages all boaters to be sure to have their boats professionally decontaminated when leaving Lake Powell. Utah inspection stations statewide have been experiencing an increasing number of boats during secondary boat inspections that are quagga-contaminated, which should be a high concern to all boaters not only because of the damage it can do to our boats, but also to our lakes, recreation, and public utilities that depend on our lakes for water in our dry desert climate. I hope the boaters of Utah take this warning to heart to protect Utah’s waterways.
- Flotilla 07-03 organized and sponsored a campout activity on August 25-26, 2018 at Deer Creek Reservoir. Ten Auxiliary members attended and had a great time. They invited the Deer Creek rangers to dinner on Saturday night, at which the rangers thanked the Auxiliary members for all their hard work, support, and the example and education given to the boating public during the year. It was nice to hear from the rangers and to know our efforts are valuable and appreciated by the Utah Parks personnel we support.
- Labor Day weekend represents the winding down of Utah’s boating season and signals the coming end to Auxiliary patrols on our lakes for 2018. A few Auxiliarists will be supporting some “after-season” triathlons or events at a few of our lakes in September. For many of us in the Ops program in Utah, most of our summer weekends are spent at our lakes on patrol. Division 7 has supported Utah Parks and Rec rangers and personnel in an outstanding fashion during our boating season and assisted numerous boaters and paddle craft enthusiasts who find themselves needing help in one way or another. I would like to congratulate all Division 7 members in the Ops program for their hard work, time, and effort they have put in this summer. We have had some very unique experiences this summer, and I look forward to reporting our accomplishments and experiences in my final two reports to the board as my term as Division 7 DCDR draws to a close.

PROJECTS:

1. Search for a permanent solution to our Division storage problem
2. COW preparations
3. 2019 Utah Boat Show preparations

4. Develop training to implement “lessons learned” from our last OpTrex

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES (3 Downs”):

1. Developing leadership in our flotillas
2. Reactivate members who are not participating
3. Recruitment – always recruitment!

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Perry City government
2. Utah rangers and park personnel at Utah lakes we support

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 CGAux missions.

DIVISION 7			
	2017	2018	August
	Actual	Goals	YTD
MT (hrs)	480.90	500	301.80
OPS (underway hours)	3757.90	3800	2,264.40
PA (hrs) Division Events	225.00	250	225.80
PE (hrs)	43.00	50	92.00
PV (#)	270	300	65
VE (#)	235	250	315
Total Division Hours - all missions	15519.15	11,000	4869.50