

**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**  
District Eleven North Region  
Division 113-07  
**DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT**

To: Wally Smith, Commodore  
District 11 North Region  
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

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**HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. End of Season
2. PA Activities
3. Division 7 COW
4. Division 7 Summary of 2018 Activity
5. Veterans Day Participation

**DETAILS:**

1. The Operations Season has come to an end in Utah with the return of colder weather and little boat traffic on the lakes except for fishermen braving the cold. Facilities are winterized, PPE are all out of service, and we are all settling in for the winter with visions of summer boating once again dancing in our heads.
2. October was National Fire Prevention Month and Flotilla 76 participated with several local fire stations safety fairs. These events were held at the fire stations and were well attended. The smaller crowds allow us to talk and interact more with the public, answer more questions, and be able to talk to people on a more personal level. Tony Zocchi, Ann Zocchi, and Anthony King did an outstanding job on the booth display and their great interaction with the public participants. Congratulations on a job well done!



September 26 - Layton City Fire Station

October 3 - Sunset Fire Station

October 8 - Clearfield Fire Station

October 10 - West Point Fire Station

October 15 - Farmington Fire Station



Pictured: Tony Zocchi, Anthony King, Pandora Panda







Pandora Panda joined forces with her pals, Sparky the Fire Fighting Dog and Smokey the Bear to teach the kids attending the Safety Fairs about being safe at home, at play in the outdoors, and on the water. What a great trio!

3. Division 7's COW is approaching quickly on December 8, and we are looking forward to recognizing the accomplishments of our Division members. DCDR-elect Paul Custance will have the pleasure of reporting on our COW at the January 2019 Board Meeting.
4. Auxiliary members from Flotillas 72, 73, and 76 gathered in the chilly morning temperatures for the annual Veterans Day Parade in Layton, Utah on November 10, 2018. The parade started at 11:11 am - a time signaling the exact moment the World War I Armistice was signed 100 years ago on November 11, 1918. Division 7 Auxiliary members have participated in this parade for several years now, and it is always an honor to be included in a parade to honor our veterans. After the parade, the members gathered at the Golden Corral in Layton for lunch and fellowship.



Sara Vandermolen, Roy Vandermolen, Chris Krogh, Linda Krogh, Paul Custance, Sherry Custance, Bill Ross, Ann Zocchi, Tony Zocchi



Staging Area - we had three entries in the parade - Zocchi's Z Boat, Justice, one of our State-owned patrol boats, and two PWC facilities owned by Roy Vandermolen



Auxiliarists Roy Vandermolen and Sara Vandermolen with the PWC facilities in the staging area



This is always a favorite part of the parade - to go under the U.S. flag suspended over the road by two Layton City Fire Department trucks.

Ann Zocchi, Tony Zocchi, and Sherry Custance at the staging area





On the parade route. DCDR-elect Paul Custance was riding with his crew on the second facility. He was manning the PA system on *Justice* talking about the Auxiliary and playing the CG anthem along the entire parade route.

Tony Zocchi on *Z Boat* in the Veterans Day parade. The young man riding along with Tony is his grandson, Bill.

*Photo taken by Brian Wolfer, photographer with the Standard-Examiner newspaper in Ogden, UT and posted on-line as part of their parade coverage.*

5. As my last report as DCDR to the Board and Staff, I would like to share some statistics and accomplishments of Division 7 over the last year at the end of my report. Division 7 is a hard-working, dedicated group of 86 volunteers who are proud members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and willingly spend many hours serving Utah's boating public as ambassadors of boating safety. I would like to thank not only all our members for their work this past year, but also thank my board and staff for all the hard work and support they contribute that makes our Division a success. A special thanks to my SO-IS, Pamela Berger, for the hours she spent in pulling reports and reading through AUXData forms to get the following information and details of the many assists and events our members were involved in during 2018.

COMO Smith, COS Kirkwood, COMO Thomas - it has been a pleasure working with you these past two years. You have each supported me, answered my many questions, been leadership role models, and taught me a great deal about what it means to be a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and how to be better at what I do. Thank you so much for your service, dedication, and help.

To my fellow DCDRs I have had the privilege of serving with these past two years, thank you for new ideas, solutions to problems, information, insight, and fellowship. It has been a pleasure working and learning with and from each of you.

To the District Board and Staff, just a huge thank you for all your hard work and dedication to help the Divisions and Flotillas work towards excellence in everything we do. Each of you

provide the keys we all need to keep learning and improving in our respective flotilla and division positions.

And to the best DIRAUX and staff in the nation - heartfelt thanks to each of you for all you do. You solve our problems, answer our questions, calm our frustrations, make everything work smoother, and do it all with a smile. Without you, we would all be lost. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Lastly, on behalf of all members of Division 7, we extend our love, support, and prayers to all those who have been affected by the recent devastating California fires, particularly those from the Paradise area. COMO Maddox, Hannelore, and all the others who have lost so much, we are thankful you are safe and our thoughts are with you. We hope Auxiliarist Ramsay is also safe. We stand ready to help in any way we can.

**PROJECTS:**

1. Successful COW
2. Successful transition to new DCDR and staff for 2019

**AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. No interaction with other agencies (park rangers, small boat stations, fish and game, etc) at this time.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

3. None at this time

Respectfully,

Lana Visser  
DCDR  
113-07 Utah

**Division 7 YTD Summary  
as of November 4, 2018**

	Mission	Mission as Hours	113-07-02		Total	
Salt Lake City	113-07-03	Wasatch	113-07-06	Ogden	113-07-08	Garden City
Division 7						
AUXMP -	Marine Patrols					
			1,258.40			
			408.10			
			745.80			
			465.70			
			2,878.00			
CGADM -	CG Admin Support					
			19.00			
			19.00			
CGOPS -	CG Operational Support					
			30.80			
			54.80			
			85.60			
GOVSUP -	Government Agency Support					
			79.90			
			37.50			
			40.40			
			157.80			
MT -	Member Training					
			79.75			
			21.00			
			61.40			
			239.05			
			401.20			
RBS -	Recreational Boating Safety					
			941.00			
			1,085.00			
			1,924.00			
			3,457.00			
			7,407.00			
SAR -	Search and Rescue					
			77.30			
			57.80			
			124.00			
			94.70			
			353.80			
UPA -	Public Affairs					
			622.80			
			34.05			
			96.75			
			115.95			
			869.55			
UPE -	Public Education					
			62.00			
			54.00			
			116.00			
UREC -						

FACI - Facility Inspection	10	1	1	1	13
PB - Vessel Safety Check VSC Count	41	46	143	28	258
VSC Passed	30	21	136	25	212
PDCFT - Paddle Craft VSC Count	4		105		109
VSC Passed	4		105		109
Mission as Values	113-07-02 Salt Lake City	113-07-03 Wasatch	113-07-0 6 Ogden	113-07-08 Garden City	Total Division 7
UMDV - Marine Dealer Visits - Lead	81	7	75		167

**Division 7 YTD Operations Summary  
as of November 4, 2018**

Number of Coxswains (EOY)	18
Number of Crew (EOY)	12
Number of PWC Operators	4
Number of Vessel Facilities	13

Patrols By Body of Water

Bear Lake	33
Deer Creek Reservoir	14
Great Salt Lake	1
Hyrum Reservoir	1
Jordanelle Reservoir	88
Lake Powell	1
Strawberry Reservoir	26
Utah Lake	5
Willard Bay	55
Total Number of Patrols	<hr/> 224

Number of Patrol Boats on each body of water

Bear Lake	1
Deer Creek Reservoir	3



Great Salt Lake	1
Hyrum Reservoir	1
Jordanelle	10
Lake Powell	1
Strawberry	2
Utah Lake	1
Willard Bay	4
Total Coxswain Underway Hours	1,278.8
Total Crew Underway Hours	1,636.8
Total Trainee Underway Hours	237.0
Total Underway Hours	<u>3,152.6</u>
Total AUXMP & Gov Support Hours	2,836.7
Total SAR Hours	315.9
Total Hours	<u>3,152.6</u>
Total AUXMP & Gov Support Vessel Hours	1,153.8
Total SAR Vessel Hours	125.0
Total Vessel Hours	<u>1,278.8</u>
Number of Assists	185
Number of Lives Saved	7
Number of Persons Assisted	666
Property Value	\$2,802,625

#### Government Support Assistance - Utah State Parks

***Division 7 enjoys an exceptional relationship with the Park Rangers we work with at the various lakes. Below are some events and situations Division 7 crews and facilities have assisted Park Rangers with.***

22-Sep-18	<i>Blessings</i>	Thompson, Michael	MOM Patrol in the morning. In the after noon we did barrier duty for the State Parks while fire fighting planes scooped up water in the north arm.
18-Aug-18	<i>Challenger</i>	Woodruff, Kevin	Support for the triathlon in East Arm. Several swimmers used platform to rest. It appeared the event markers where blown off course and the route was much longer than usual.

15-Jul-18; 14-Jul-18; 13-Jul-18	<i>Whatever</i>	Gardner, Mart	Worked with the U.S. Forest Service Fire & Aviation Management to setup and patrol a save loading zone for the air tankers and helos to pick up water. They worked 12 hours per day. We covered the main part of the day keeping sightseers out of the way. This weekend we were the only facility so we had to do a lot of running back and forth as facilities approached the loading zone.
29-Jun-18 -01- Jul-18; 04-Jul-18 - 08-Jul-18;	<i>Whatever</i>	Gardner, Mart	Kept an eye on the facilities around the Dollar Ridge fire on the East side of Strawberry. Spent most of the time just out side of the marina informing boaters to keep clear of the planes as they touched down to pick up water.
14-Jul-18	<i>Red Dragon</i>	Williams, Michael	Performed safety patrol and barrier duty to keep private vessels out of exclusion zone of fireworks impact area. Over 150 vessels on water. Cautioned boaters to not use docking lights in open water.
23-Jun-18	<i>Blessings</i>	Thompson, Michael	Early morning security barrier support for a triathlon with over 500 swimmers. Security barrier for paddle board event. Both at the request of the Park Rangers.
23-Jun-18	<i>Red Dragon</i>	Williams, Michael	Performed Barrier duty during 700 participant Triathlon, as well as concurrent member training.
23-Jun-18	<i>Challenger</i>	Woodruff, Kevin	Monitored swimming portion of triathlon. Offered support for paddle board races.
11-Aug-18	<i>Z-Boat</i>	Zocchi, Ann	Support of paddle board races.
11-Aug-18	<i>Z-Boat</i>	Zocchi, Ann	Lighted Boat parade support and water guard safety zone for the fire works
15-Sep-18	<i>Mama Bear</i>	Berger, Pamela	Morning patrol of Triathlon at North Beach.
04-Aug-18	<i>Mama Bear</i>	Berger, Pamela	Evening patrol of Parade of Lights and Fireworks.
14-Jul-18	<i>Mama Bear</i>	Berger, Pamela	Patrolled Swim Across the Lake in the morning.
01-May-18 & 02-May-18	<i>Blessings, Red Dragon, Z-Boat, Challenger</i>	Thompson, Michael; Williams, Michael; Zocchi Ann; Berger, Pamela	Support for the Annual State Park Ranger on-the-water training.
30-May-18	<i>Blessings, Red Dragon, Challenger</i>	Thompson, Michael; Williams, Michael; Berger, Pamela	Safety Patrol and PA Activity with Local TV Station to discuss Boating Safety

***During the course of a patrol, Division 7 facilities assist many Utah boaters and paddle craft enthusiasts. We get a lot of practice with stern tows and side tows with boats who are having mechanical issues or have run out of gas. Rescuing paddle craft operators who have got caught in strong winds common to Utah's lakes is becoming more common as paddle crafts become more popular. Below are some of the 185 assists Division 7 crews and facilities had during 2018:***

17-Aug-18	Blessings	Thompson, Michael	SAR - At 2136 the Rangers requested that we go and "Rescue" some campers on the floating campground because our facility was better equipped then theirs for this mission. A strong T-storm had just rolled though and another was on its way. There were 6 adults and 6 children (two were infants in arms) on the camping platform. They had paddled rubber rafts to the floating platform and most of their clothes were wet. They hung their clothes out to dry and were changing when the T-storm came and blew most of their PFDs and most of their clothes out into the lake. It was dark, winds about 15 knots. We got all on board and took back to the marina. They were cold, only in swimsuits and the babies were just in diapers.
28-Jul-18	Challenger	Brown, Paul	Received call from park ranger to assist vessel in distress. Proceeded to scene and towed vessel to marina dock.
14-Jul-18	Blessings	Thompson, Michael	After firework show boater could not get boat started. They drifted for about a half hour before yelling for help. We heard the cries for help and went and towed them back to the marina.
16-Jun-18	Red Dragon	Williams, Michael	Assisted Rangers in providing medical attention to wakeboarder who was injured and needed EMT and emergency transport to hospital.
09-Jun-18	Blessings	Thompson, Michael	SAR- Boater's first time out, just bought on old bass boat. Motor would not start, thinks it is bad gas. Towed to marina.
16-Jun-18	Blessings	Thompson, Michael	Water skier crashed and severely injured his thigh (suspected torn his muscles or tendon) needed medical assistance, Crew member Michelle (RN) rendered first aide until EMS could arrive at the ramp.
28-May-18	Blessings	Thompson, Michael	SAR - boater called and stated that their engine would not start and their electric trolling motor had ran the battery dead. 15-20 knot winds had blown them into the rocks on the dam. Took them in tow to the PWC ramp which was shielded from the wind.
05-May-18	Blessings	Thompson, Michael	SAR in late afternoon. New boaters could not get their boat to start. Blown into the rocks. Towed away from rocks. Battery was low so supplied a jump pack. Instructed new boaters on how to start their boat. Got it started and then offered to do a VSC and they accepted. They failed in many places. Instructed them on what they needed to have to be safe on the water.
3-Sep-18	Justice 81	Custance, Paul	Found a PWC had crashed one person broken her leg took to shore for help.



15-Sep-18	Justice 81	Custance, Paul	Boat accident with a PWC and a boat. The PWC ran into a boat amidship; no one hurt. Towed to docks and waited for park ranger.
04-Jul-18	Justice 81	Custance, Paul	Received call from there park ranger in Skipper Bay that they needed our assistance to tow in a vessel that was involved in DUI stop. Operator was taken into custody. Six occupants on board was unable to operate vessel; we towed vessel to Provo Harbor
03-Sep-18	Z-Boat	Zocchi, Ann	Notified by front gate that the boat was sinking. Hole was in the bottom of the hull. Taken to marina ramp to be loaded to trailer.
04-Aug-18	Z-Boat	Zocchi, Ann	Boat caught fire. Extinguished and towed to marina. All safe.
22-Jul-18	Z-Boat	Zocchi, Ann	SAR - PWC adrift with no rider in middle of lake. Storm had just came in fast and 2 foot swells were going. Started search of missing rider. Difficult to see rider due to white caps and swells. Found rider about 120 yards from PWC. Took rider on board and then proceeded to the drifting PWC to return driver.
07-Jul-18	Z-Boat	Zocchi, Ann	UT9902YW - called by park employee that 2 girls missing on a PWC and parent hasn't been able locate for over 1 hour. Description was provided and the search began. Found the missing PWC and the 2 girls. PWC overturned and they were unable to get it to start. Been in the water for over 1 hours trying to get help. Taken the girls and the PWC to the boat ramp to excited moms to see them.
23-Jun-18	Z-Boat	Zocchi, Ann	2 deaf and mute on an overturned PCW unable to start, towed to marina and contacted family/friends to help.
02-Jun-18	Z-Boat	Zocchi, Ann	Called by Utah Park Ranger of boat sinking near South Marina. He is on land, need help by water, 4 POB, able to locate and take boat in tow to marina and dewater.
03-Sep-18	Mama Bear	Berger, Pamela	SAR #3 - Requested by State Park rangers to assist in search for missing PWC. Operator was last seen 4 hours ago, and it was nearing sunset. Commenced search. A third party called sheriff dispatch, having located the PWC & Operator who was completely lost and approx 12 miles from where he started, and out of fuel. Arrived on scene at North Eden, took operator aboard, and towed PWC to Rendezvous Beach. MISLE # 4654
25-Aug-18	Mama Bear	Berger, Pamela	SAR 4-Inflatable raft with 2/POB, no PFD or paddles. Took aboard and .75 miles back to beach
03-Aug-18	Mama Bear	Berger, Pamela	SAR #4-Happen upon 2 kayaks w/1 rider and dog in the water and being blown out into the lake, unable to reboard. Took kayaker and dog aboard and back to Free Beach

03-Aug-18	Mama Bear	Berger, Pamela	SAR #5-Happen upon 2 PIW after they had been thrown off PWC. The lanyard was not connected to operator so PWC did not shut off. Took people aboard and were able to get alongside moving PWC to disconnect kill switch. Assisted the passengers in reboarding the PWC.
30-Jun-18	Mama Bear	Berger, Pamela	SAR #1 - While departing marina - passenger aboard incoming vessel shouted they were taking on water. We followed vessel to dock and immediately deployed portable dewatering pumps while owner retrieved vehicle and trailer. Boat loaded onto trailer.
07-Jul-18	Mama Bear	Berger, Pamela	SAR #1 - Happen upon inflatable boat w/ 3 youth unable to paddle back to shore in winds - 1 PFD and 1 Paddle between them. Brought aboard and took to Rest Area beach.
23-Jun-18	Mama Bear	Berger, Pamela	SAR #1 - Visually spotted, and notified by Sheriff Dispatch, 2 youth on SUP .75 mile from shore being blown further out in strong winds, pulled them from water as they had fallen off the board - no life jackets - treated for mild hypothermia.
03-Jun-18	Mama Bear	Berger, Pamela	SAR #1 - Notified by VHF of large person who had fallen off PWC and was unable to reboard. Once on scene we attempted to get her aboard our vessel but were unsuccessful due to her size and weakness due to mild hypothermia. She was able to stand on our ladder and we slowly transported her the 1 mile to shallow water where she was able to walk to the beach.
03-Jun-18	Mama Bear	Berger, Pamela	SAR #2 - Notified by passing PWC of people on a tube being blown into the lake. On scene found 6 people in a 10' tube holding onto the wakeless buoy to prevent them from being blown further into the lake. 5 of 6 had PFD's. Towed to shallow water where they could walk to the beach.