



District Eleven Northern Region  
DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT – 113-03

MONTH ENDING: 28 FEBRUARY 2019

TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood

FROM: DCDR 03 Jeff Fite

**Highlights:**

- New Member Academy/Station tour
- Naval Sea Cadet Corps ongoing
- Sea Scouts/Galt
- Rivers running high in AOR

**Details:**

- Flotilla 33 is hosting a New Member Academy on April 6th and is working to co-locate the class at USCG Station Rio Vista with an already-planned tour of the Station to be hosted by AUX Steve Harrison and Flotilla 35. This is expected to be an exciting introduction to the Auxiliary for new members and a motivating experience for members new and experienced.
- Flotillas 33 and 35 conducted another ABS class for the Chico Naval Sea Cadet Corps on 16 February, with 16 cadets qualifying. Interagency training and support activities are in the planning stages for the rest of the year.
- Flotilla 3-10 made initial contact with a group of Sea Scouts in Galt. Both groups are excited by the prospect of mutual training and operations. The sea scouts are primarily a contingent of young people with special needs, and the Flotilla is exploring ways that it can safely offer these Sea Scouts experiences that will be well-suited to them and also support the Auxiliary's missions.
- Shipmates are warned that rivers in the Division 3 AOR are running high, fast, and cold, with a lot of debris on the surface. Also, there is water in places where there usually isn't, so bottom contours are unfamiliar and can contain drowned vegetation and submerged structures. Caution for your shipmates should be balanced with vigilance for imperiled boaters.

**Projects**

- Division Commander's member preparedness initiative: CERT preparedness course TBD
- Marine Safety Service Ribbon study group, April 6 and ongoing
- OPTREX (QE-only), 13 April, location TBD
- National Safe Boating week, extended to a season-long project, underway 18 May
- OPEX to coincide (roughly) with USCGAUX Birthday, 22 June, Folsom Lake

**Future Activities**

- QE-only OPTREX April 13 at Sacramento Yacht Club
- New Member Academy/STARV Tour, 20 April
- OPEX and Family Appreciation Day, June 22nd at Folsom Lake
- Division 3 COW, January 11th. Sacramento Yacht Club docks and clubhouse.

**Challenges**

- Additional surface facilities needed
- Air facilities are struggling to get mission hours (maintenance, aging of aircraft owners)
- Insufficient IS officers, and little interest by members in becoming IS qualified
- Recruitment and retention

**Agency Interactions:**

- None reported in February

**Goals and Objectives**

- (Ongoing) Complete assembly of the Photo Op Banner frame
- Complete repairs to DIV 3's Coastie

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Fite", with a stylized flourish at the end.

—Jeff Fite, DCDR 03  
Division 113-03 (Greater Sacramento and the California Delta)