



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



To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore

13/03/2019

CC: District Chief of Staff, District Board and Staff

From: Alan Stanton, Division Commander

Division: 4

HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

1. Dockwalker Training
2. SF Marine Flare Collection Event
3. Member Presentation - Watchstanding

DETAILS:

1. Flotilla 43 (Palo Alto) hosted a Dockwalker training event on Tuesday 12th of March at the Los Altos Senior Center. The class was taught by Vivian Matuk (California State Parks Division of Boating & Waterways). The class consisted of 10 individuals, 6 AUX personal, 3 yacht club members and one prospective new member. The Flotilla kindly provided pizza and soft drinks to all those in attendance. Flotilla 49 (San Jose) will host another Dockwalker Training event on Wednesday 1st of May at the American Red Cross in San Jose.
2. Division 4 members will attend and support the San Francisco Marine Flare Collection Event being held on Sunday 14th of April (flyer attached). Members will have the opportunity to put their Dockwalker training to good use, promote safe boating and advertise Auxiliary activities. We also look forward to supporting further activities with the California State Parks Division of Boating & Waterways.
3. FC Onno Hommes of Flotilla 49 gave an excellent presentation on his experience as a watchstander at Air Station San Francisco during their March meeting. The presentation was very informative to all the Flotilla members and provided a great insight to Auxiliary activities for a prospective new member. We hope to have other members share their Auxiliary experience as a means to encourage better involvement and for use as recruiting material.

PROJECTS:

1. Updated the Division 4 website to present current and meaningful information to Division 4 members and the general public – in progress.
2. TCO Training – in progress.
3. Marine and Environmental Safety – establish a close working relationship with the California State Parks Division of Boating & Waterways to better promote the Dockwalker program, coastal clean-ups and fishing line recycling program – in progress. See last page of report for 2019 Training Opportunities.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES (“3 Downs”):

1. New Member Recruitment – Currently, Flotilla 48 has only 8 members.
2. Lack of Vessel Facilities – Division 4 has only 3 vessels registered as a facility.
3. Still have 3 SO positions I hope to fill (SO-SR, SO-PV, SO-MS)

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. California State Parks Division of Boating & Waterways (Vivian Matuk). Dockwalker training and SF Marine Flare Collection Event.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

ATON - Aids to Navigation

Complete all assigned activities – 2 Bridges, 68 PATONS by 30 November 2019

AUXMP – Auxiliary Marine Patrols

Qualify 4 new Boatcrew Crew Members

Increase AUXMP hours by 10% on 2018 total – Goal 1,108hrs (2018 Total = 1,007.80)

Marine Safety

Host 2 Dockwalker Training Classes

Promote and assist at the 2019 California Coastal Clean-up Day (date to be announced)

Increase awareness of Marine Safety programs at all PE classes and PA booth activities (Dockwalker, coastal clean-up, fishing line recycling program)

Increase Marine Safety Hours by 20% on 2018 total – Goal 298hrs (2018 Total = 248.3)

Marine Dealer Visits

Increase the Marine Dealer visit count by 10% on the 2018 total – Goal 286 (2018 Total = 260)

Member Training

Qualify 1 new IS Officer

Qualify 4 new Telecommunications Operators (TCO)

Increase Member Training Hours by 20% over 2018 total – Goal 238hrs (2018 Total = 198.04)

New Member Recruitment

Recruit 6 new members to Division 4

All Flotillas should be active in the recruitment drive and make good use of all PA and Public Education events to attract potential new members.

Public Affairs

Have members attend 5 Public Affair Events:

- Palo Alto Airport Day (date to be announced)
- Alviso Day on the Bay (date to be announced)
- Fleet Week 2019 (date to be announced)
- Special Event Radio Day (date to be announced)
- Veterans Day – Veterans Hospital Menlo Park
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Public Education

Conduct 6 ABS classes in Division 4 area of operation.

Vessel Safety Checks

Qualify 4 new Vessel Examiners

Host 2 VE blitzes at local lakes (locations to be decided)

Increase the VE count by 10% on 2018 total – Goal 174 (2018 Total = 158)

2019 Northern CA Dockwalker Training

Tuesday, March 12th – Los Altos

(7:30 pm – 9 pm)

Los Altos Senior Center. 97 Hillview Ave, Room 12, Los Altos, CA 94022

Download the flyer/registration form in [PDF](#).

Saturday, March 16th – Petaluma

(10 am – 12:45 pm)

Petaluma Yacht Club. 3025, 10 C St, Petaluma, CA 94952

Download the flyer/registration form in [PDF](#).

Wednesday, April 10th – Oakland

(7 pm – 8:45 pm)

Oakland Yacht Club (Regatta Room). 1101 Pacific Marina Alameda, CA 94501

Download the flyer/registration form in [PDF](#).

Saturday, April 20th - San Rafael

(9 am to 11:45 am)

Loch Lomond Yacht Club. 95 Loch Lomond Dr, San Rafael, CA 94901

Download the flyer/registration form in [PDF](#).

Wednesday, May 1st – San Jose

(7:30 pm – 9 pm)

American Red Cross. 2731 N 1st St, San Jose, CA 95134

Download the flyer/registration form in [PDF](#).

Thursday, May 9th – Stockton

(6 pm to 8 pm)

Stockton Yacht Club. 3235 River Dr, Stockton, CA 95204

Download the flyer/registration form in [PDF](#).

Monday, May 13th – Vacaville

(11:30 am – 1:30 pm)

Solano County Water Agency (Lake Berryessa Room) 810 Vaca Valley Pkwy #203, Vacaville, CA 95688

Download the flyer/registration form in [PDF](#).



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SF Marine Flare Collection Event

Join us for a one-day collection event for expired or unwanted marine flares.

WHEN: Sunday, April 14, 2019
9AM–2PM

WHERE: East Marina Green Triangle
200 Marina Blvd, San Francisco

Schedule an appointment!

Call (415) 355-3760 or email huy.le@sfgov.org

Accepted*

- Hand-held Marine Flares
- Aerial Flares
- Smoke Signals

* This event will not accept other hazardous waste such as paint, batteries and oil. For other hazardous waste, call (415) 330-1405 for a **FREE** dockside pick-up or visit RecycleWhere.org for drop-off locations.

- » **FREE** boating safety kits will be available for attendees! The kit includes information and tools to promote safe and environmentally sound boating practices.
- » All attendees will be entered into a raffle to win a U.S. Coast Guard approved LED marine flare!



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