



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

MONTH ENDING: 31 MARCH 2019

TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood

FROM: DCDR 03 Jeff Fite

Highlights:

- COMO Marilyn McBain recognized by CA State Assembly
- Flotilla 33 CA Boater's Card Challenge is complete
- Flotilla 31 nearing completion of a new surface facility

Details:

- FSO-DV Kevin Powers of Flotilla 35 facilitated a celebration of more than 42 years of Auxiliary service by COMO Marilyn McBain, during which time she was one of the first women to serve as a Commodore in the Auxiliary. The ceremony included presentation of a commemorative plaque from the California State Assembly, sponsored by Assembly member Jose Medina (D-Moreno Valley).
- During his second year as Flotilla Commander, Flotilla 33's IPFC Don Anderson issued a challenge to his members to obtain the California Boater's Card. March marked the end of the 1-year challenge, and more than 90% of the Flotilla did, indeed obtain the Boater's Card. In reward, Don treated his Flotilla to Pizza dinner.
- Flotilla 31 has been working to add a 25-foot surface facility to what is nominally an air Flotilla. Now that the weather is turning, work has resumed on paint, lettering, communications, and a multi-mode sensor suite, to include radar, sonar, and thermal imaging. CAL-SAR ONE is anticipated to be completed by June 1st.

Projects

- Division Commander's member preparedness initiative: CERT preparedness course TBD
- 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

- New Member Academy/STARV Tour, April 27th
- OPEX and Family Appreciation Day, June 22nd at Folsom Lake
- California Capital Airshow, October 5-6th
- 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)