



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



**Date:** June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
**To:** Mary Kirkwood, Commodore  
**From:** Nancy Marion, Division Commander  
**CC:** VCDR, IPDCDR, SO-SR  
**Division:** May DCDR Report, 113-01 Senior Area

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. OPTREX
2. Gar 2.0/Risk Management update
3. NSBW Recap
4. IPDCR Michael Mitchell Commendation from Sector San Francisco

**DETAILS:**

1. OPTREX Planning: All focus is on the final details for the joint Division 1 & 12 OPTREX at Richmond Harbor June 21-22. Friday will be a training day with crew related classes and on the water exercises, in advance of the QE Check Rides schedules for the following day. Five OPFACs have confirmed to participate in support of the event, and two active duty boats/ crews will be deployed from Station San Francisco. This is a repeat of last year's active duty participation, allowing their crews to practice towing with more 'fragile and realistic' vessels.
2. Gar 2.0 / Risk Management Update: With the 1 Hour on-line RM2.0 segment complete, we are now encouraging our members to take advantage of any opportunity to complete the 4-hour classroom RM Refresher. Notification has been provided to all our Division members of the June 15<sup>th</sup> class opportunity at CGI.
3. NSBW Events Recap: Due to the rainy weather, Flotillas 01-04 and 01-07 were forced to cancel their events. Flotillas 01-02 and 01-09 were able to hold their respective events and the details and member participants are outlined below:
  - a. Flotilla 01-09 PA & VSC Booth at Pilar Point Marina, Saturday May 25: This event was set up at the Pilar Point Harbor Launch Ramp. The event was staffed by Brian Tokumoto, Matthew Denson, Tina Kuehne and Dan Swett, and included two six-foot tables and a standing literature Display Board. Tina Kuehne's Environmental Decomposition game was the usual big hit with the kids, many of whom had recently studied the subject at school. Foot traffic was excellent, and we estimate that we engaged over 60 visitors, distributing over 100 pieces of USCG safety literature. Three VSC's were performed, including explanation and distribution of the Dockwalker Safety Kit to each of the boat operators.
  - b. Water Safety Fair at Station Golden Gate organized by Flotilla 113-01-02: I want to draw your attention to the attached video, which was produced by PA2 Cory

Mendenhall. This is a great 50 Second video showcasing the variety of activities/exhibits and collaboration between the Active Duty and Auxiliary members. Enjoy!

<https://youtu.be/OVCsviev3MY>



## [Water Safety Fair 2019: USCG Auxiliary & USCG Station Golden Gate](https://youtu.be/OVCsviev3MY)

The Water Safety Fair 2019 made a big splash this year at Station Golden Gate on Sat. May 18, 2019 - the first day of National Safe Boating Week! The fair wa...

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**Station Golden Gate Water Safety Fair Highlights:** Event Lead Organizer, Peter Gorenberg, VFC, 113-01-02:

### **Overall Event Statistics:**

~400+ Attendees

Distributed materials:

95 PFD'S (30 child, 40 youth, 25 adult)

25 California Boater Card Application/DBW "A Course for Safe Boating" packets

22 Boating Safety Course Requests

14 Auxiliary Membership Requests

12 Vessel Safety Check Requests

### **Event Details & Participants:**

We were fortunate this year to draw participation from several local Bay Area Search and Rescue first responders and specialists. These included:

- **Marin County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Division**-Lead, Deputy Sheriff Katherine Dahlberg, Marine Patrol Division. The display included a high angle/cliff rescue demonstration (tripod and lift kits), dive team remote operating vehicle (ROV) display and a patrol boat available for tours.
- **California CHP** - Helicopter Display
- **Ocean Beach Lifeguard** - Jet Ski display
- **San Francisco Police Department, Marine Division**

Planned Auxiliary and USCG displays include:

- **Registration, Join the Auxiliary, Auxiliary Boating Safety Course Enrollment, Vessel Safety Check Sign Ups/Photo Consent/Release, PFD Waiver and Liability Release**-Aux Lead Kayla Kunze, FSO-PA
- **Paddle Craft Safety Review Sessions**, including giveaway of "Paddle Smart Identification Stickers" and "Paddle Craft Reflector Kits"-Aux Lead Sean Harvey, DSO-PE
- **PFD Giveaway** – Over 110 PFD's were fitted and given away to adults and children over the course of the day -Aux Leads: Nancy Marion & Tom Conneely, FSO-FN Flt 01-02 & DCO Mary Kirkwood, Flt 01-04
- **Radio Communications/VHF Emergency Radio Distress Procedures Review**. Additional display on site to be Auxiliary Communications Vehicle (transportation from CGI, courtesy and support from Peter Todebusch, ADSO-CM (certified TCO) and Stephen Busch, SO-VE, members of Flotilla 12-91. Also, specific attention on making sure children understand how to operate a radio or cell phone and call for help if needed. -Aux Lead Alfonso Faustino, FSO-CM.
- **Marine Flare Use/Disposal Review**-Aux Lead Jim Whipple
- **"Coastie the Safety Boat"** youth education/boating/water safety demonstration-Aux Lead Linda Pfeifer, FC, support Lilly Ferguson, FSO-MS.

- **California Boater Card Information/Knot Tying Station**-Aux Lead Pete Gorenberg, VFC
- **Pamphlet Distribution** included AquaSMART activity book for kids, ABCs of California Boating, Lifejacket Brochure, America's Waterway Watch, Boaters Guide to Federal Requirements for Recreational Boaters, Delta Map, What You Can't See (CO Poisoning) & US Aids to Navigation System.
- **Auxiliary Patrol Boat "Ranger" Display/Tours** -Aux Lead Robert Golden, FSO-OP, Coxswain
- **USCG K-9 Explosive Detection Demo** -Aux Lead Maria Goodavage, FSO-PB, USCG Handler Cory Sumner with USCG dog "Feco".
- **USCG 47' Motor Lifeboat Display/Tours** -various USCG personnel from Station Golden Gate
- **USCG Air Station San Francisco**, rescue helicopter demonstration arrangement per Station Golden Gate.
- **Aux Food Service** – John Foley, SO-FS and member of Flt 01-02 provided burgers, dogs and all the sides to the Auxiliary Support staff and Active Duty participants following the event.
- **Final tally, approximately 110 PFD's fitted to attendees, with the majority going to children. Total public participation estimated at 300-350.**

4. **IPDCDR Michael Mitchell, Sector San Francisco Commendation:** On May 22, 2019, Sector San Francisco Commander, Capt. Marie Byrd presented the 'Auxiliary Commendation Medal' to Auxiliarist Michael R. Mitchel for outstanding achievement while serving Sector San Francisco from June 2014 to May 2019. The commendation details his duties as the Domestic Vessel Branch Dispatch Officer and for development of the local Uninspected Passenger Vessel (UPV) program.



Michael Mitchell with Sector San Francisco Commander, Capt. Marie Byrd, May 22, 2019.

## **PROJECTS:**

1. OPTREX: Successfully complete the OPTREX on June 21 & 22.
2. RM 2.0: Continue to encourage our members to take the 4-hour classroom “refresher” component ASAP.
3. COW Planning for your December 8<sup>th</sup> event.

**GOALS & OBJECTIVES:**

1. Provide training opportunities based on need.
2. Member Recruitment and retention.
3. Increase Hours reporting
4. Facility development
5. Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between Flotillas.

**AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. Continue to develop our relationship with Station Golden Gate.