



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



**To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore**

**5 AUG 2019**

**Cc: District Board and Staff**

**From: Bruce Martin, Division Commander**

**Division: 11**

**HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":**

1. Patrols/Patons/Training
2. Lake activities increasing as summer peaks
3. Planning for Optrex

**DETAILS:**

1. July 4 Firework Safety Zone Patrol with local LE boats – a notoriously busy day on Lake Tahoe capped by a fireworks show where we assist patrolling the 1000' safety zone around the launching barges.
2. Trans Tahoe Swim patrol/safety zone.
3. PATON patrols continue.
4. VSC events continue; new rental policy implemented.
5. Planned and executed with other marine agencies for July 4 safety zone.
6. Held UPV class for seven in South Lake Tahoe taught by Mike Mitchell.

**PROJECTS:**

1. Optrex August 24-25.
2. 1104 does Lake Tahoe TV morning broadcasts on weekends, emphasizing boating safety. Will add recruiting message this year.
3. Complete UPV PQSs.

**CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. Attendance,
2. Succession planning,
3. and Recruitment!

**AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. Continued and regular interaction with Station Lake Tahoe via Watchstander/Boat Crew Tom Henderson.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- Use Diversity Award elements as roadmap for Division activities. – begun
- Encourage flotilla events to be division-wide events – begun
- Support PA functions and tell our story – begun
- Don't break what's working – so far, so good.

Photos

July 4 Safety Zone



L – Heading to safety zone from Tahoe Keys; wind earlier in evening subsided by show time.

R – Jim Snell at Lulu Pearl helm during show, maintaining part of the arc of the 1000' safety zone.



Hard to discern, but on the water level are three barges from which the fireworks are launched. There are likely several hundred boats out to watch.



AUXFACs Water Passion and SemPar performing side tow training on Lake Tahoe.



More two boat training; the Station Lake Tahoe response boat can be seen coming up in the background.