

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

MONTH ENDING: 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood FROM: DCDR 03 Jeff Fite

Highlights:

- IPFC Marla Moura sent off with fellowship
- Galt Sea Scout Ship newly chartered
- Tour of Sector San Francisco and VTS

Details:

- Flotilla 3-10 and Division 3 bid *bon voyage* to Marla Moura on September 13th, with a Fellowship dinner at the Elk Grove Old Spaghetti factory. 14 members attended, including two retired members from Flotilla 3-10, and a few old friends from her previous Flotilla 35. Marla has relocated to South Carolina, and will be transferring to a Flotilla there once she is settled in. Marla has been a member since 2006.
- Sea Scout Ship 1119, in Galt, CA, was chartered in September. Their Skipper, Vickie Ashworth, has
 been working with Flotilla 3-10 (Elk Grove, CA) to arrange ABS classes for their cadets, and have
 stated their intent to partner with 3-10 once the MOA is promulgated. The Flotilla has invited
 Ship Cadets and their adult leaders to attend our Flotilla meetings, and also a planned joint Ham/
 HF net radio exercise a



FC 3-10 Marla Moura, receiving a Past FC burgee from the Flotilla

nd fellowship celebrating 80 years of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.SO-MT Don Anderson arranged a Tour of Sector San Francisco's headquarters command and communications center on 14 September. Members were treated to a no-host, *prix fixe* luncheon in the base cafeteria and then a tour of the Vessel Transport Service facility. Eight members from DIV 3 attended, and other members look forward to a repeat offering next summer. I would like to advise the District board & staff that such tours are available, and may be of interest to their members, too.

Projects

- Division Commander's member preparedness initiative: CERT preparedness course TBD
- Complete assembly of the Photo Op Banner frame

Future Activities

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:

- State Parks Folsom Lake (ongoing radio guard for patrols)
- Galt Sea Scouts with Flotilla 3-10. (Ongoing introductory contact)

Goals and Objectives

- Implement the recruitment and retention strategies being developed by HR and EXCOM
- Increase the number of surface facilities by 2
- Increase the number of Marine Safety-qualified members by 3
- Advance all members in IQ status to BQ (and scan for 'stuck' AP members)

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Respectfully Submitted,

—Jeff Fite, DCDR 03

Division 113-03 (Greater Sacramento and the California Delta)