



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



To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore

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Cc: District Board and Staff

From : Lewis C Derfuss, Division Commander
Division: 5

HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

1. Setting Goals
2. Increase Active Membership
3. Providing Training to Increase Qualifications and CG Support

DETAILS:

1. Compiled data on Flotilla Goals onto a Division 5 Goals Excel spreadsheet on suggested areas 3 of 5 FC's provided their data. Two FC were excused for medical reason so email them to get their data to complete our Division 5 goals. Some activity working towards goals already started.
2. Flotilla 55 along with 2 Flotilla 53 members set up and manned a PA Booth at Lake Sonoma Steelhead Festival on Saturday 8 February and Flotilla 53 with some support from FI 52 and 57 will an ABS Class at Benicia Yacht Club on 29 February geared towards qualifying boater to get their CA Boater Safety Licence as well as attracting new Auxiliary membership. So not all membership is new—We had the pleasure to witness James Duncan DSO-NS award of 50 year plaque at PCA District Board and Staff meeting and Micheal Hendershot FL 57 member awarded his 50 year plaque at FL 57 meeting by COMO Mary Kirkwood.
3. Several Training opportunities have and are continuing. Some specific areas of focus are Instructors, Vessel Examiners, Program Visitors and Operations to mention a few Flotilla 55 is started a Boat Crew Academy to prepare members for new qualifications and refresh those requiring 3 year Requals. Flotilla 5 also hosted a VE/PV initial training class. Several also attended these same type of classes at PCA Training Fair. Our SO-VE Tom Hurley is planning a VE Station schedule so we can schedule qualified VE/PV members to work with new trainees to perform required practical's so they can be qualified as VE/PV qualified members. Adding these newly qualified members will help us increase our activity in these critical areas that have been in decline. We are also looking to set up land and land mobile based units—goal is for at least 1 per flotilla

PROJECTS:

1. We have scheduled Division 5 --2020 COW for 5 Dec, on District calendar and talked with TRACEN Petaluma CMDR Rasseimi and have all the wheels turning with his staff and Aux Food Services to make this an outstanding COW. Our planned Spring OPTEX hosted by FL 53/52 for 1-2 May will be changed to an OPEX due to funding restraints and date and location TBD as we found out Bodega Bay Fish Festival is 2-3 May. We are still planning on a Fall OPTREX hosted by FL 55 at Sta Bodega Bay 25-26 Sep
2. Discussion and planning for NSBW, Division 5 Golf Tournament/Fundraiser, Division BBQ, a combined Division 5 Meeting and Annual Luau at Lew's Ranch in June or July a Diversity Event and other Diversity Events working toward NACO 3 Star Award. We also got an invite from Golden Bear staff thru Glenn Marshal a 53 member who now works at CA Maritime Academy to take members on a guided tour of the Golden Bear—we are working on a date that works with Golden Bear's sailing schedule

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Time and funding constraints
2. PCA Fairs, DTRAIN, OPTREX's Fellowship Events, Proper Uniform wear
3. Focus on individual Flotilla strengths and combined and open up and communicate training opportunities among Flotilla's, combining efforts to achieve maximum results

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Working with Vivian Mutak and have scheduled two Dock Walker Training session in Division 5
2. We will continue working closely with Sta Vallejo staff in providing Operational Support with Joint Patrols to support both CG Station and Division Boat Crew Training, Qualification, and Currency by providing AUXFAC's and Crews upon request as well as routine support to AOR in ways to maximize training with limited budgeted funds

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Most have been previously highlighted in this report: To summarize: Retain, attract, train members. Increase support to CG Missions by use of increased qualified members working toward some focused goals. Have Fun in doing the above and Fellowship. Addressing and working towards breaking down the barriers working against our success. Lead Division 5 to be know as the Premier Division. Strive to win NACO 5 Star award across the Division

PHOTO GALLERY:



FL55 PA Booth at Sonoma Steelhead Festival



FL 55 PA at Sonoma Fish Festival



Ryan Peterson conducting FL 57 meeting

Low Derfuss and Mary Kirkwood swear in 57 members Earl Berg FSO-IS and Bob Gallup FSO-OP



Mary Kirkwood presents 50 year membership plaque to Michael Hendershot FL 57 member