



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



To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore

17 Mar 2020

Cc: District Board and Staff

From : Lewis C Derfuss, Division Commander

Division: 5

HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

1. Setting Goals
2. Increase Active Membership and providing Training to Increase Qualifications and CG Support
3. Planning for future events and fellowship that we may or may not be able to execute.

DETAILS:

1. Compiled data on Flotilla Goals onto a Division 5 Goals Excel spreadsheet on suggested areas Goals Excel spreadsheet attached. Some activity working towards goals already started but many now on hold due to Corona Virus
2. Several Training opportunities have and are continuing. Flotilla 53 with help from 57 and 52 members held it's first in a long time ABS Class at Benicia Yacht Club with 33 students in attendance. Great job to Kit Galvin VFC 53 who took the lead in organizing this event and instructors Mark Waters 53, Kit Galvin 53, Lew Derfuss 53, Randy McCormick 53, Jim Blackburn 57, Paul Brighton 52. Bob Galvin 53 and Liz Teruya 53 provided logistical support checking students in and issuing materials. Jim Minkel 51 also presented a Dock Walker Presentation. 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 3year Requals Most of our Flotilla meeting have been cancelled as well as PA Events, VE stations until further notice so recruitment and some training such as Boat Crew Operations, VE's MDV's are all on hold. I composed and sent out an email with some guidance and suggestions on how we can help during this crisis. This included suggestion to use our extra at home time to catch up and complete desired and required training to the extend it can be completed online. Flotillas to consider holing Webinar meetings during Corona Virus Crisis.
3. Our VDCDR, Ingemar Ollsen has been appointed at Division Chair for National Safe Boating Week activities and planning is underway. We set a date of 4 June, our normal Division Meeting date, to hold a division wide Diversity Event—the annual Luau at my house. Uniform will be Hawaiian Dress and will include Hula Dancers and more. This will be a potluck of your favorite dishes with Hog Dogs, Polish and Italian Sausage, Cheeseburgers and Watermelon provided

PROJECTS:

1. We have scheduled Division 5 --2020 COW for 5 Dec, on District calendar and talked with TRACEN Petaluma CMDR Captain Ramassimi 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 has been changed to an OPEX due to funding restraints and date changed to 9 May, location Suisun City Marina. We also plan on supporting Bodega Bay Fish Festival is 2-3 May if the event isn't cancelled or rescheduled. 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 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. OPEX, OPTREX's, Fellowship Events, Proper Uniform wear
3. Corona Virus restrictions and related issues
4. 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. After we get through Corona Virrus Issues 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: ABS Class at Benecia Yacht Club



Randy McCormick Teaching



Information Table



Low Derfuss Teaching Night Navigation

Randy McCormick Teaching



View of Students at ABS Class



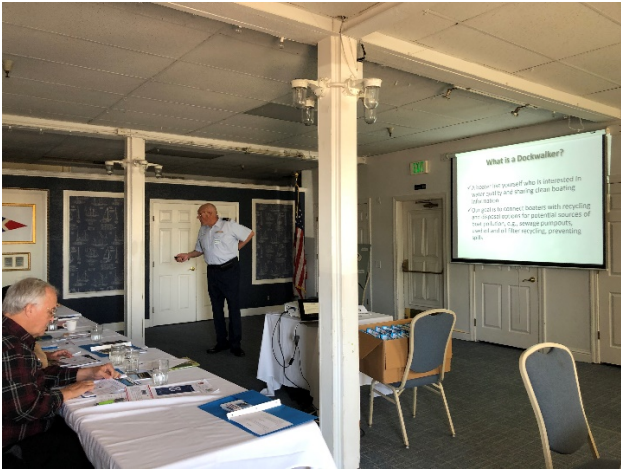
Paul Brighton, Jim Blackburn, Bob Galvin



Jim Minkel doing Dock Walker Presentation

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Mark Waters waiting for his lesson to come up
Presentation

Jim Minkel doing Dock Walker

Another View of Students at ABS Class

[Division 5 2020 Goals Worksheet \(1\).xlsx](#)