



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. Checking on Health and wellbeing of our members during Corina Virus Pandemic
2. Increase Active Membership, keeping engaged with membership and encouraging participation in Webinar Training to Increase Qualifications and CG Support
3. Continue planning for future events and fellowship that we may able to execute once we are out of Corina Virus Pandemic.

DETAILS:

1. Contacted FC's and VFC's on doing regular checks on their membership due to Corona Virus and advising leadership, if possible, of any affected members. Also forwarded to all members updated information from leadership on help available through CG Mutual Assistance Fund
2. We are thankful for the many webinar training opportunities have and are continuing to encourage members to take advantage of these training opportunities. A shout out to Jim Losi, Wil Sumner and Wally Smith for presenting these trainings. Flotilla 55 was able to have a ABS class with 9 successful student completions on 14 March and Two Boat Training with Station Bodega Bay on 12 March just before the shelter in place orders and virtual shut down of all operations and activities. All Flotillas have transitioned to Webinar meetings either GTM or Zoom during Corona Virus Crisis. We are all being forced to adapt and learn new technology but not without some challenges. We will come out a lot smarter as a result. All Division 5 Flotilla have completed or will complete ODU Uniform training and discussion within next two weeks.
3. Our VDCDR, Ingemar Ollsen has been appointed at Division Chair for National Safe Boating Week activities but it doesn't look promising on executing any planned activities. Bodega Bay Fish Festival and Division 5 OPEX have been canceled along with any other activities planned thru May. We are still planning on 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. We are hoping the Corina Virus will be past and we will be back to normal operations. We will continue to monitor and postpone if necessary.

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. We are still planning on a Fall OPTREX hosted by FL 55 at Sta Bodega Bay 25-26 Sep
2. Discussion and planning for 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 are still underway. 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. All plan are tentative and subject to change due to Corina Virus.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Corona Virus restrictions and related issues
2. 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. After we get through Corona Virus 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
2. We now have Auxiliary Unit Coordinators at Station Vallejo, Michael Ungersmar, Station Bodega Bay, Wil Sumner, and Tracen, Ray VanCleave and I have added them to Division Agenda so they can keep us updated on any important information.

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: Flotilla 55 Two Boat Training with Station Bodega Bay



