



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



To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore

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From: Alan Stanton, Division Commander

Division: 4

HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

1. Recruitment
2. Diversity
3. Operational Support

DETAILS:

1. I am pleased to report that our Flotillas continue to follow up with new member inquiries. Flotilla 41 (San Jose) has a potential new member who is currently being remotely mentored through the process by Mike Brown.
2. Member Jimmin Chang of Flotilla 48 (Almaden) participated in the USCG Core Values, Global Diversity and Inclusion research study that took place on 26 May 2020. The USCG HQ Office of Diversity and Inclusion hired Coach Diversity Institute (CDI) to conduct a Core Values analysis study, through the lens of diversity and inclusion, to help better inform our communications both within and outside of the Coast Guard. Auxiliarists from Districts 1N, 1S, 7, 11N and 11S participated in Listening Session 5.
3. JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – On 6 June 2020, Jimmin Chang, Chinese Interpreter from Flotilla 48, was called upon by District 7 Command Center to provide interpreter assistance in the investigation of the three-alarm ship-board fire on M/V Höegh Xiamen. The 5-hour long interviews of the all Chinese crew were done online by Sector Jacksonville and NTSB investigators connected through Microsoft Teams. Further details and photos are available at the end of this report.
 - Three Division radio facilities operated by Jimmin Chang, Derek Lyon-McKeil and Shawn Cooley continue to support the D11N radio net held on Monday evenings.

MEMBER CROSSED THE BAR

It is with great sadness that I report Member Wendy Redford of Flotilla 46 (Redwood City), crossed the bar on Sunday, May 31st from cancer related complications.

Wendy and her husband Jerry joined the Auxiliary in 1967 and they enjoyed 65 years of marriage together. During her 53 years in the Auxiliary, Wendy held positions at National level as a Branch Chief and served as a Flotilla Commander.

At this time, service details are unknown, and our current pandemic restrictions may limit in what capacity we may participate but when we are able to do so, we will come together and give thanks for Wendy's service to our country.

PROJECTS:

1. Operations Training – surface and communications
2. Engage with local Sea Scout ships –
 - a. May 1-3 at CGI – Old Salts Regatta (activity cancelled due to shelter in place)
 - b. May 22-23 Ancient Mariners Regatta (cancelled)
 - c. Will alternate in hosting meetings during June and July (on hold)

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES (“3 Downs”):

1. Shelter in place order has suspended all activities.
2. New Member Recruitment – recruitment remains a challenge.
3. Surface Operations – the Division has not been very active in our AOR. Boat crew members have been supporting DIV 6 in their AOR.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

USGC District & Command Center
National Transportation Safety Board

DIVISION 4 LEADERSHIP VISION

- We will consistently lead by example with integrity, humility, fairness and compassion.
- We will foster open and honest communication.
- We will mentor, support and provide direction to our team mates, empowering them to reach their full potential.
- We will create a professional and enjoyable working environment that fully embraces and respects our diversity and core values.
- We will acknowledge and reward success.

DIVISION 4 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

ATON - Aids to Navigation

Complete and report all assigned activities - 2 Bridges, 68 PATONS by 30 September 2020

AUXMP - Auxiliary Marine Patrols

Increase AUXMP hours by 10% on 2019 total – Goal 677hrs (2019 Total = 616hrs)

Marine Safety

Promote and assist at the 2020 California Coastal Clean-up Day (September 26, 2020). Increase awareness of Marine Safety programs at all PE classes and PA booth activities (Dockwalker, coastal clean-up, fishing line recycling program).

Increase Marine Safety Hours by 15% on 2019 total - Goal 252hrs (2019 Total = 219hrs)

Marine Dealer Visits

Increase the Marine Dealer visit count by 10% on the 2019 total – Goal 57 visits (2019 Total = 52).

Member Training

Qualify 1 new IS Officer – in progress

Qualify 2 new Telecommunications Operators (TCO) in progress

Increase Member Training Hours by 15% over 2019 total - Goal 224hrs (2019 Total = 195hrs).

New Member Recruitment

Recruit 6 new members to Division 4 – in progress

All Flotillas should be active in the recruitment drive and make good use of all PA and Public Education events to attract potential new members.

Public Affairs

Have members attend 5 Public Affair Events which may include:

- Opening Day on the Bay – 2nd May (activity cancelled due to shelter in place)
- National Safe Boating Week – 16th to 22nd of May (activity cancelled due to shelter in place)
- Coastal Clean-up Day – 26th of September
- Redwood City Port Festival – 3rd of October
- Fleet Week 2020 - 4th -13th October
- Alviso Day on the Bay – TBD
- Special Event Radio Day – TBD
- Veterans Day - Veterans Hospital Menlo Park – 11th of November

Public Education

Conduct 6 ABS classes in Division 4 area of operation (activity on-hold due to shelter in place).

Vessel Safety Checks

Host 2 VE blitzes at local lakes (activity on-hold due to shelter in place).

Increase the VE count by 15% on 2019 total - Goal 82 (2019 Total = 72).

M/V Höegh Xiamen Incident

According to the local ABC First Coast News, fire broke out aboard the 600 ft. vehicle carrier M/V Höegh Xiamen, just before 4 pm 4 June 2020, after it completed loading operations at Blount Island, Jacksonville, Fla. USCG local Station Mayport and Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department responded to the incident. About 150 firefighters were onboard fighting the fire. Eight were injured and hospitalized as the result of an explosion that occurred before 7 pm. The fire continued to move up through the ship and reached some tanks and caused some more small controlled explosions. Temperature inside of the vessel reached 1,000 degrees.

On the next day, WJXT Channel 4 News reported that firefighters were no longer trying to extinguish the fire, but just let it burn itself out, which would take days. Water is being poured continuously onto the hull of the ship to protect the integrity of the vessel, to keep it intact and afloat to minimize any

threat to the environment. Specialist marine firefighters from Resolve Marine Group later joined in the operation and the fire was under control on Sunday, 7 June 2020. Shown below is M/V Höegh Xiamen on fire as USCG Station Mayport's 45 ft. Response Boat Medium responded on scene.



(Coast Guard Photo by PA2 Jessica Maldonado Gonzalez)



(Photo from Automotive Purchasing and Supply Chain website)



(Photo from Jacksonville Business Journal)