



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

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Division: 5

HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

1. Continue checking on Health and wellbeing of our members during Corona 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 be able to execute once we are out of Corona Virus Pandemic.

DETAILS:

1. FC's and VFC's continue to 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 we have and are continuing to encourage members to take advantage of these training opportunities. Flotilla 55 c completed its Boat Crew Academy via online venue. All Flotillas continue Webinar meetings either GTM or Zoom during Corona Virus Crisis.
3. We rescheduled our planned 4 June luau, to 6 Aug our normal Division Meeting date, to hold a division wide Diversity Event—the annual Luau is 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 anticipating being able to start limited low risk operations shortly our priority will be completing bridge surveys and PATONS as well as support of Stations Vallejo, Bodega Bay and Rio Vista as authorized when new approved guidance is received. We still have a division 5 OPTREX hosted by Flotilla 55 at Bodega Bay on Sept 25-26. Our challenge will be getting Crew candidates ready as it looks like we will only have about 60 days depending on when we will be authorized to resume training patrols.

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. Our Division has several flotillas applying for NACO 3 Star Award. We also got an invite from Golden Bear staff thru Glenn Marshall 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 plans are tentative and subject to change due to Corona Virus.
3. We had several Flotilla members and a private club step up and make face masks that were provided via a non-contact exchange to Station Vallejo and Station Bodega Bay. This action caught the eye of our DSO-PB who contacted me to provide details for an article to be included in the next Navigator publication. I have attached the article's information that I provided for your reading pleasure. Bravo Zulu to this team effort!

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
3. Hopefully we will soon have some relaxing of Corvia 19 restrictions so we can start playing catch up to preform program activities working towards our 2020 goals.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. After we get through Corona Virus Issues we will continue working closely with Sta Vallejo and Station Bodega Bay 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 Ungersma, 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.
3. We have at least two members supporting TRACEN. 55 member Ray Vancleave works with Security and 53 member Rene Steinhauser works at the Medical Center

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 None to share this month.