



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



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Division: June 2020 DCDR Report, 113-06 Gold Coast Area

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Boating Skills and Safety classed continue to be on hold.
2. Virtual Flotilla meetings continue.
3. Health and Welfare checks.

DETAILS:

1. Flotilla 6-10 Boating Safety Classes are still on hold. A proposal to hold the remaining classes in a large indoor venue with proper social distancing being maintained has not been commented on or approved at this time. The approximately eighteen students have all been updated on the current progress.
2. Division 6 Flotilla Commanders continue to hold regular meetings utilizing video conferencing technology.
3. Electronic contact with flotilla members by the Flotilla Commanders continues on a regular basis to ensure all members are accounted for and in good health.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. The shutdown in activities is a huge challenge, not only in lost proficiency but in recruiting and retention. The Division will be prepared for resumption of all of our operations, with particular emphasis on **membership retention, safety** and adhering to proper **standard procedures**.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. None.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Our short-term goals remain the same:

1. Stay Connected. Keep in touch with one other.
2. Control the Controllable (and don't sweat what you can't control).
3. Take the long view. This ain't going to last forever (at least that is what I was told).

Division 6 Vice Commander Comments

Since surface operations are on hold until further notice, how can Auxiliarists maintain their skills? One idea that was brought up at a recent Flotilla meeting involves vessel owners conducting on-the-water training as private citizens. This would not be done under orders and no Coast Guard Auxiliary placards or PPE would be displayed. Vessel tows would not be performed due to potential liability, but Coxswains and boat crew could conduct proficiency exercises such as man-overboard drills, navigation, piloting, and seamanship skills while underway. This is also an excellent opportunity for Auxiliarists wanting to qualify for Boat Crew to gain experience in line-handling, anchoring, participating as a lookout and maintaining a given course.

Interested? Email Cecil Claspell, VCDR-6 for more details.

Semper Gumby,
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Dreaming of "I'm back in the saddle again"