

## U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

# District Eleven North Region DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT



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Division: July 2020 DCDR Report, 113-01 Senior Area

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Election Cycle

- 2. Dues Reductions
- 3. Member Engagement
- 4. Phase I Rollout
- 5. On-Line EDU
- **6.** Uniform Wear
- 7. Wellness Checks
- **8.** OPTREX
- 9. AUXDATA II Training

## **DETAILS:**

- 1. Election Cycle: All Units are engaged in the upcoming annual election cycle. Division will be assisting with the set-up of electronic voting procedures.
- **2. Dues Reduction:** Considering the ongoing pandemic, which is financially impacting some of our members, and seriously affecting our ability to provide meaningful Auxiliary duties, all our Units are in discussions regarding potential dues reductions or waivers for 2021.
- **3. Member Engagement:** It is evident that the on-going stand down is negatively impacting our members focus on the Auxiliary. We are seeing virtual meeting attendance drop across the board. As a result Division Leadership is actively engaged in finding new ways of keeping the USCG Auxiliary 'top of mind' with our membership.
- **4. Phase I Rollout:** Despite some initial confusion over the Order Request protocols for the Phase I rollout, several members have successfully requested orders.
- **5. On-Line EDU:** Members continue to take advantage of the various on-line training opportunities, with special emphasis on maintaining current competencies and managing Core Course expirations to assure our Members are ready to re-engage as soon as operations resume.
- **6.** Uniform Wear: Division leadership continues to focus on uniform compliance. At this writing, each of our Flotilla's has presented the full Uniform Protocol Power Point with excellent participation and member discussion.

- 7. Wellness Checks: Wellness checks continue throughout the Division and to our knowledge no cases of COVID-19 have been reported.
- **8. OPTREX:** Divisions 1 and 12 are in discussions regarding rescheduling or canceling the October 16-17 OPTREX.
- 9. AUXDATA II Training: Member training on the new AUXDATA II system is well underway throughout the Division. Many thanks to our SO-IS Robert Aston (01-04) for the long hours he is putting in, to assure our Unit Information Service Officers and Members can navigate the new system. We were particularly fortunate to have a short video produced by our SO-CS Kevin Luke, walking members through the Activity Log process. This video proved very helpful and was picked up by a Division on the East Coast who then shared their own self-made training text developed to help their members navigate the system. With the recent upgrade to the system we will be working on a revised Activity Log video.

### **PROJECTS:**

- 1. Developing alternative means of member engagement during the Stand-Down.
- 2. Member Training: Continue to encourage our members to monitor Core Course expirations.
- 3. Joint OPTREX Planning with Division 12.
- 4. Expanded Awards Standard.

### **GOALS & OBJECTIVES:**

- 1. Provide training opportunities based on need.
- 2. Member Recruitment and retention.
- 3. Increase Hours reporting
- 4. Facility development
- 5. Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between Flotillas.
- 6. Succession Planning

## **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. Continue to develop our relationship with Station Golden Gate.