



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



**To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore**

**12 AUG 2020**

**Cc: District Board and Staff**

**From : Lewis C Derfuss, Division Commander**

**Division: 5**

**HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":**

1. Continue checking on Health and wellbeing of our members during Corina Virus Pandemic
2. Encouraged members to file High Risk Assessment forms and look at scheduling authorized Phase 1 missions
3. Continue planning for future events and fellowship that we may able to execute once we are out of Corina Virus Pandemic. In the meantime we continue to promote the excellent Webinar Training being offered. We were able to get some life jackets out to loaner stations provided by Sea Tow Foundation via contactless drop off.

**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 have discussed plans to accomplish Bridge Surveys that are accessible from land as well as Cat 1 and 2 PATONS. Also encouraged planning by qualified members to do some contactless PV's and virtual VE's. Several mentored exams are being scheduled or have been done.
3. We had to cancel our luau, scheduled for 6 Aug our normal Division Meeting date. We will look at possible opportunity to reschedule for Fall if conditions allow. We were still anticipating being able to start limited low risk operations shortly our priority will be completing bridge surveys and PATONS that we cannot do from land, as well as support of Stations Vallejo, Bodega Bay and Rio Vista as authorized but new approved guidance still hasn't been received. We cancelled our division 5 OPTREX hosted by Flotilla 55 at Bodega Bay on Sept 25-26 as we will not have enough time to resume training patrols. We are thankful for the many webinar training opportunities have and are continuing to encourage to prepare candidates for OPTREX. All Flotillas and Division have completed Tropical uniform presentations

**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 have canceled a Fall OPTREX hosted by FL 55 at Sta Bodega Bay 25-26 Sep
2. Wade MacAdam our FSO-CS 53, SO-CS 5 and SO-PB 5 has continued to work on website and social media updates as well as publishing Division 5 Newsletter. He has also stepped up as SO-AS 5 and FSO-AS 53. He has a long relationship with the scouts as a pack leader so is making an excellent replacement for Steve Johnson who stepped down from the position. Great Job Wade!!

**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 Virrus 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. Our Auxiliary Unit Coordinators at Station Vallejo-, Michael Ungersma, Station Bodega Bay- Wil Sumner, and TRACEN-, Ray VanCleave have were added them to Division Agenda and they keep us updated on any important information.
3. Flotilla 55 member Ray Vancleave continues to work with Security supporting TRACEN.

**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.**