



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



To: Dean McFarren, Commodore

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Cc: District Board and Staff

From : Lewis C Derfuss, Division Commander

Division: 5

HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

1. Working with flotilla staff to prepare NACO 3 Star Award Packages
2. Increase Active Membership
3. Providing Training to Increase Qualifications and CG Support. Organizing a Virtual About Boating Safely Class. Continue to promote Sea Scouts and forming Covid Bubbles for Boat Crews

DETAILS:

1. Our SO-DV, Randy McCormick, will be reaching out to flotilla and staff to aid in developing NACO 3 Star Award application packages. We had 3 of 5 successful submissions last year hope to get at least 4 of 5 Flotillas to submit this year 5 of 5 would be even better
2. We continue our emphasis retaining active membership, making efforts to motivate card carrying members by getting them in programs they are willing to support and attracting new active members by highlighting how they can help, the rewards of helping, and the benefits to both them and the CG Mission. Focus on mentoring members to assume both elected and staff officer positions, but this remains to be a challenge. Continue to check on members health and freedom of effects of Corina Virus. We seem to be holding steady with some loses and gains.
3. Encourage member training via PCA Training Fair and webinars. Perform authorized missions allowed under Phase II guidelines to the extent members feel safe and comfortable. Key components to success are the use of Mentorship as well as both promoting and providing Training Opportunities. Some specific areas of focus are Instructors, Vessel Examiners, Program Visitors, Public Education Classes and Operations to mention a few. Still trying to fill FSO-AS positions and working on forming Covid Bubbles.
4. BRAVO ZULU to FC 53 Kit Galvin is organizing a Virtual About Boating Safely Class on 8-12 March, that unfortunately only attracted 3 students and instructors Curtis Han, Randy McCormick, Lew Derfuss and Mark Water that supported this class. Also, BRAVO ZULU to Wil Sumner who put on a virtual VE qualification class on 11 Feb with 12 students attending. Our patrol season is underway with FL 55 having already conducted several training patrols and FI 53 having 2 approved patrols for 14 and 27 March on with in addition to training hope to get an early jump on completing some PATONS and Bridge Verifications
5. BRAVO ZULU! To Wade MacAdam our ADSO-AS, SO-AS 5, FSO-AS 53 He completed the Seabadge course (equivalent to BSA Leader Masters course) and completed the Logbook (equivalent to the dissertation)

PROJECTS:

1. We have scheduled on District calendar--2021 COW for Division 5 for 5 Dec and a Fall OPTREX hosted by FL 55 at Sta Bodega Bay 24-26 Sep. Most other events on hold pending lifting of Covid Virus restrictions.
2. Several members got their AUXFACI inspections and Offer for Use performed to return them to current status. FI 55 sent their list to Michael Brown of PLB expiration dates and replacement for expired unit have been sent to FSO-MA 55 who is getting them swapped out. I am finalizing a

consolidated list for other 4 flotillas and will sent it to Mike Brown so expired/expiring PLB's requiring replacement can be processed.

3. NSBW being lead by Bob Schabert, VCDR 5 Ingemar Ollson, and representatives from each Flotilla. Flotilla Plans include possible use of ACV by Flotilla 53 for PA events at Suisun City Ramp on Saturday and Brannon Island on Sunday. Bob is also planning to approach local government officials to have proclamations prepared.
4. Tom Sarnicola, along with Randy McCormick and Kenneth Torres have formed a Golf Fundraiser Committee and started planning for tournament at Chardonnay Golf Course in Napa on 30 Oct 2021, hopefully, to raise money to support our local CG Stations Morale Funds. Contact is currently under review by CG Legal.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. VE restrictions to 3 a day per inspector—Posses a real hinderance especially with NSBW planned activities. I would ask leadership to work through channels to remove restriction of 3 or apply for a waiver to help us get more engaged in this important Preventative SAR Program
2. Time and funding constraints
3. Continued Covid Virus restrictions-- Keeping member engaged so we don't lose them
4. Cancelled PCA Fairs, DTRAIN,-- Emphasis now on NSBW and OPTREX's
5. Training and scheduling 29 required 2021 requalification check rides as well as initial qualification of Coxswains and Boat Crew members.
6. Focus on individual Flotilla strengths and combined and open up and communicate training opportunities among Flotilla's, combining efforts to achieve maximum results.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Looking forward to again working closely with Sta Vallejo, Sta Rio Vista and Sta 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 as allowed.

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 this month.

