



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



**To: Dean McFarren, Commodore**

**13 Apr 2021**

**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—SO-DV Randy McCormick **2020 AUXILIARY DIVERSITY AWARD RECIPIENT**
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, is continuing to reach 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. SO-DV Randy McCormick **2020 AUXILIARY DIVERSITY AWARD RECIPIENT.**
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. We continue to encourage member training via 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. Hoping to see improved freedom to perform CG Missions with movement into Phase III Guidelines, hopefully in the near future.
4. FC 53 Kit Galvin is organizing another Virtual About Boating Safely Class 26-30 April--We need student support as we only had 3 in last class. Also, BRAVO ZULU to Wil Sumner who continues to put on a virtual Marine Safety qualification classes—See Webinar calendar for details. Our patrol season is underway with FL 55 and FI 53 having multiple approved patrols and completing some PATONS and Bridge Verifications

**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. Members working on updating PPE inspections and completing 2021 Operations workshop and TCT/Risk Management Refreshers
3. NSBW being lead by Bob Schabert, VDCDR 5 Ingemar Ollson, and representatives from each Flotilla. Bob is also planning to approach local government officials to have proclamations prepared. All plans have shifted to Plan B which are virtual approach over in person contact.

4. It was decided to cancel our annual Golf Fundraiser this year and look into another way to hopefully raise money to support our local CG Stations Morale Funds.

#### **CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. VE restrictions to 3 a day per inspector—Posses a real hinderance to all VE planned activities. We would hope that National rescind this limit of 3
2. Time and funding constraints
3. Continued Covid Virus restrictions-- Keeping member engaged so we don't lose them—missing the opportunities to meet in person and socialize.
4. Cancelled PCA Fairs, DTRAIN,-- Emphasis now on NSBW and OPTREX's
5. Training and scheduling 29 required 2021 regualification 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**

[Division 5 2021 Goals Worksheet \(1\).xlsx](#)

**PHOTO GALLERY: SAR DOG and crew back on patrol to perform Bridge Surveys, PATON Verifications and night training with Coxswain Lew Derfuss, crew Randy McCormick, Kit Galvin and Trainee Morgan Curtis.**



**CG Vessel Polar Star at Mare Island Dock**



**Coxswain Lew Derfuss and Boat Crew Trainee Morgan Curtis aboard SAR DOG on night patrol on Napa River**



**New member and Boat Crew Trainee Morgan Curtis aboard SAR DOG on first night patrol standing forward lookout on Napa River.**



**A beautiful night patrol on SAR DOG heading up Napa River under full moon with Vallejo in background.**