



**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**  
 Eleventh Coast Guard District Northern Region  
 Division 7



TO: COMO Dean McFarren  
 CC: DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF  
 FROM: Tony Zocchi, DCDR  
 RE: Division Report – August 2021  
 DATE: September 9, 2021

**HIGHLIGHTS**

1. OPTREX August 6,7.
2. Water Levels Up Date
3. Photos From OPTREX

**Details**

1. Our OPTREX was held August 6, 7, and was a great success, with 2 New Crew. We also had 3 Coxswain Requal 1 Crew Requal and 1 Crew Rewk & Qual. A Bravo Zulu to these hard working members.  
 That being said, this event would not have happened with out the Incredible mentors and trainers and the support staff for the OPTREX and the great food. Thank You Culinary Assistance Staff John Michael Zimmerle and Family LT Toni Zimmerle and son Nick Zimmerle.

A Special Thank You to our QE's that made it possible.  
 OTO Dustin Finkelson 11 North  
 OTO Jared Esselman 11 South  
 QE Como Wally Smith  
 QE Como Mike Williams  
 Spectacular Crew Support DSO-PA Jane Smith Photographer  
 Extraordinaire.

Listed below are the proud recipients.

- Paul Brown-----Coxswain Requal.  
 Kevin Woodruff-----Coxswain Requal.  
 Mike Thompson-----Coxswain Requal.  
 Bill Pope-----New Crew  
 Donald Moyle-----New Crew  
 Michelle Thompson----Crew Requal  
 Troy Harward-----Crew Rewk & Requal

Additional Support Recognition to our support Vessels  
Blessing, The Melroy, The Challenger.

2. Water levels at our reservoirs continue to sound like a bad commercial: Low water No water Ramp closed and Smoke Smoke and more Smoke  
Division 7's Operations have had many challenges this year with losing 2 State Vessels, Covid 19, low water and tons of smoke and still manage to be effective on Patrols with these new challenges.  
With unbelievable support from Division 11, Flotilla 11-3 Loan of the Melroy has boosted morale in these trying times.
3. Photos



Carl Henning, Paul brown, OTO Dustin Finkelson, OTO Jared Esselman



Morning Briefing



OTO Finkelson and Bill Pope aboard Challenger



Culinary Assistance Zimmerle Family with Jane Smith – DSO-PA



Melroy as the target boat. Paul Custance, Bill Ross and Jane Smith



Melroy with OTO checking over the loaned boat.

Respectfully submitted,

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