



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



**To: Dean McFarren, Commodore**  
**From: Randy McCormick, Division Commander**  
**Re: Div. 5 March 2022 Report – Respectfully Submitted**

**March 11, 2022**  
**Division: 05**

**HIGHLIGHTS/"UPS":**

1. It's Your Meeting – Results are in
2. New Members equal New Energy
3. Auxiliary University Program (AUP) is Underway
4. Flotilla 55 will deliver again for CG Station Bodega Bay
5. Public Education off to a Fast Start

**DETAILS:**

1. It's Your Meeting – Results are in Last month the Div. 5 Board and Staff decided to analyze the traditional monthly meeting in terms of total time, meeting content and tangible take aways. The results are in. The March meeting was one hour 8 minutes as compared to 1 hour and 57 minutes in February (historically the meeting is 2 hours long when kept crisp). Additionally, the content was focused on the most important items and concerns. All agreed the meeting was much better...and it was our first hybrid meeting. Congrats to all for rethinking...and not always accepting.
2. New Members equal New Energy - Two of Flotilla 53's newest members bring new energy and enthusiasm...can the rest keep up? When it comes to Aux members Morgan Curtis and Mike Smith, this is a real question. Two of their latest exploits (of which there are many) has been to organize a Pizza Party with CG Station Rio Vista. This provided the needed fellowship with Active Duty to get the rusty doors open (post Covid lock down), old relationships rekindled, new relationships forged and reinvigorating the partnership between Active Duty and the Auxiliary. Members from Flotilla 53 and 33 attended. On the opposite spectrum, they have been working with the authorities at Lake Berryessa to resurrect the close partnership with the Napa Sheriff's Office, Local Marinas and other agencies. In times past the Auxiliary had a regular presence at Lake Berryessa. Although the focus drifted over the years, it has become clearly obvious the need for Aux presence is still needed whether on the water or PA/VE/PE events at the launch ramps. *(Commander's Note: Any agreements (if any) that are requested will be run through DIRAUX for consultation, approval and legal review.)*
3. Auxiliary University Program (AUP) is Underway - California Maritime Academy is located in Vallejo. Fortunately, Flotilla 51 is also located in Vallejo. The student mariners at CMA are connected with the Auxiliary through the Auxiliary University Program (AUP). Flotilla 51 once again has stepped up to be the host Flotilla. They currently have 15 students enrolled in the AUP and are now members of Flotilla 51. Several more students are being educated on the benefits of AUP and will hopefully enroll in the Auxiliary as well. Thank you to FC Steve Johnson and team on providing the students with a prospective of what the Auxiliary and Active duty have to offer. AUP students are provided opportunity to take Auxiliary seamanship training both in class and on Aux Facilities. AUP students can attain Aux Certifications in any number of Aux missions as well as Boat Crew.
4. Flotilla 55 has always enjoyed a well-earned tight (very tight) relationship with Station Bodega Bay. Aux presence at the station is common and welcomed. They earned this by making themselves useful and available. In keeping with the tradition, Flotilla 55 is again partnering to provide facilities and crew to assist Active Duty with training and qualification evolutions by way of two-boat exercises (CG and Aux Facilities) along with the many other support functions Flotilla 55 provides. Additionally, Flotilla 55 is re-engaging with Lake Sonoma

authorities and Lakeville Fire for training on the Petaluma River. For Flotilla 55, 2022 will be a busy operations year.

- The Flotilla's of Division 5 are off to a fast start in terms of Public Education and fulfilling the Recreational Boating Safety focus. Multiple PE classes have already been held in 2022 with 38 new "Safe Boaters". Many additional classes are scheduled in the coming months.

**PROJECTS:**

**Events and Important Dates:**

Month	Date	Description	Contact	Contact Info	Sponsor
Jan					
Feb	28	Form 7025 Annual Financial Report - Dues	MaryAnne Collins	mcollins.aux@gmail.com	DSO-FN
Mar	1	Form 7025 Annual Financial Report - Late	MaryAnne Collins	mcollins.aux@gmail.com	DSO-FN
	21-25	C-School at DTRAIN – Reno	COMO Kirkwood	mkirkwoodaux@gmail.com	District
	25-27	DTRAIN – RENO	D11N Webpage	<a href="#">DTRAIN INFO</a>	District
APR	2	Herb Hooser Service– Flotilla 55			FL55
	2	Boating Safely Class – Benicia Yacht Club	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	FL53
	30	Bodega Bay Fish Fest	Jim Matthies	jamingimy@aol.com	FL55
MAY	01	Bodega Bay Fish Fest	Jim Matthies	jamingimy@aol.com	FL55
	21-27	National Safe Boating Week	Bob Schabert	bobschabert.uscg@gmail.com	DIV 5
JUN					
JUL	01	Flotilla Dues Notices sent out	FSO-FNs		FSO-FN
	29-30	Div. 5 OPTREX	Lew Derfuss, SO-OP	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	DIV 5
AUG					
SEP	17	District Meeting and Elections	Curtis Han	curtis.s.han@gmail.com	District
	17-18	PCA Fair – Coast Guard Island	Jim Losi	jlosi@mac.com	District
	01	Form Financial Audit Committee	Lisa McCormick	lisa_uscgaux@att.net	DIV 5
OCT	06	Div. 5 Election	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgaux@att.net	DIV 5
NOV	01	Start Dis-enroll for Non-Payment of Dues			FSO-HR
DEC	03	DIV. 5 Change of Watch – TRACEN	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	DIV 5

To be scheduled:

- Luau
- BBQ
- Potluck

**CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES (“Downs”):**

- Ramping up Face to Face meetings (attendance).
- Keeping members motivated.
- Dwindling number of surface facilities.

**AGENCY INTERACTION:**

- Continue to support small boat stations Vallejo, Bodega Bay and Rio Vista

**Goals:**

- Re-Engage Members through Fellowship, Training and Missions.
- Ensure members are up to date with certifications (REYR, REWK).
- Recruiting (especially boat owners).

**DIV. 5 2022 RESULTS**

	Target	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	% TOTAL
OPS	500	0	17											17	3%
PV	325	59	82											141	43%
PE	120	TBD	TBD											TBD	0%
VE	250	17	13											30	12%
MT	600	146	183											329	55%
MS	450	10	8											18	4%
TTL	17,000	839	1066											1,905	11%

Members    156    163  
             AP    17    22  
 Enrollments    0    7



**Auxiliarist Morgan presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to the Crew of CG Station Rio Vista**