



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



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

**April 19, 2022**  
**Division: 05**

**HIGHLIGHTS/"UPS":**

1. Getting AD2 Right
2. Just Regular Boat Crew Training
3. Sta. Bodega Bay AUC
4. VE and PA Combo
5. Div. 5 2022 NSBW
6. Bravo Zulu to Div. 5 District Award Winners

**DETAILS:**

1. **Getting AD2 Right** – Flotilla 55 (Sonoma/Bodega Bay) has been struggling with the various processes, forms and data entry into AD2. Recognizing that when the data is not captured in AD2, it is as if it never happened. Missed opportunities of member recognition and the attainment of awards are the result. FSO-IS Thomas Herbst identifying the need, set up training sessions to get the members up to speed with data entry. Along with the training, Thomas created multiple reports such as flotilla member contact list, created user guides on how to add activities in AD2 and helped to resolve issues with entering core training self-attestations. The back office usually does not get recognition but it is back-office that team that help memorialize all the great work that is done by a Flotilla.
2. **Just Regular Boat Crew Training?** - SO-MT and Sta. Vallejo AUC Auxiliarist Glenn Hunter from Flotilla 52 (Napa) has been leading a team of instructors and students through Auxiliary Boat Crew Academy. What is special about the academy? The instructors that Glenn lined up are not only seasoned boat crew but Active Duty from Sta. Vallejo. Glenn's unique relationship with Sta. Vallejo as the AUC has opened the door for the best training possible. Active Duty instructors have been leading the students through the standard classroom material but also working directly with the trainees on the water. The big wins are 1) Building a closer relationship between Auxiliary and Active Duty. 2) Learning the most up to date processes, tasks and thinking as a boat crew and 3) Building a greater trust with Active Duty on the capabilities of Auxiliarist during patrols, SARs and call-outs.
3. **Sta. Bodega Bay AUC** – I would like to welcome John Gauraglia, FL55 as the newly appointed AUC for Bodega Bay. John is off and running by way of a meeting with BMCS James Corbisiero, Station Chief and the crew. Important information was exchange including upcoming activities and needs. A monthly meeting has been established to provide status, assess needs and build a closer relationship.
4. **VE and PA Combo** – Flotilla 51 is fast out of the gate with multiple VE marina blitzes but also combining it with a PA both. The members are able to not only educate the active boater but also the general public at the same time. FL51 knows that RBS is job one and they have made it a 2022 priority.
5. **Div. 5 2022 NSBW** – All Flotillas in Div. 5 are well underway with their plans and activities.
  - In Flotilla 51, they are focused on training new Vessel Examiners to support the boating season as well as supporting the Benicia Yacht Club opening day.
  - Flotilla 52 is working on their standard NSBW plans/activities and also a special focus on the upcoming July 2022 78th Port Chicago Memorial Event.
  - Flotilla 53 is attacking NWBW from all sides. The team is focused on getting more members qualified in the RBS disciplines, submitting authorized press releases, creating a greater presence on Lake Berryessa through RBS activities and PE classes.
  - Flotilla 55 is setting up PE classes, PA and supporting local activities.

**6. Bravo Zulu to Div. 5 District Award Winners:**

- MSEP Award 3rd Place - Morgan Curtis, FL53
- Navigation Systems 1st Place – Wil Sumner, FL55

**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
	5	Boat Crew Academy	Glenn Hunter	hunterglenn@att.net	FL52
	12	Boat Crew Academy	Glenn Hunter	hunterglenn@att.net	FL52
	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
	26	Boat Crew Academy	Glenn Hunter	hunterglenn@att.net	FL52
APR	2	Herb Hooser Service– Flotilla 55	Randy McCormick	randymccormick@att.net	FL55
	2	Boating Safely Class – Benicia Yacht Club	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	FL53
	9	Sta. Rio Vista Opening Season - Training	Doug MacPherson	dwmacpherson2000@gmail.com	FL35
	9	Boat Crew Academy	Glenn Hunter	hunterglenn@att.net	FL52
	16	C.A.S.T. for Kids, Lake Berryessa	Mike Smith	mrsmith53.uscgauz@gmail.com	FL53
	23	Boat Crew Academy	Glenn Hunter	hunterglenn@att.net	FL52
	30	Pleasure Cove Opening Season, Lake Berryessa (VE, PA event)	Mike Smith	mrsmith53.uscgauz@gmail.com	FL53
	30	Bodega Bay Fish Fest	Jim Matthies	jamingimy@aol.com	FL55
MAY	1	Bodega Bay Fish Fest	Jim Matthies	jamingimy@aol.com	FL55
	7	Boat America at Solano College	Curtis Han	curtis.s.han@gmail.com	FL52
	7	Boat America at Sta Rio Vista	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	FL53
	21-27	National Safe Boating Week	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
JUN	24	Petaluma TRACEN Change of Command	Frank Capurro	frankcapurro@yahoo.com	FL55
JUL	1	Flotilla Dues Notices sent out	FSO-FNs		FSO-FN
	17	Port Chicago Memorial Ceremony - Tentative	Dinia Paananen Mike Smith	dp.uscgauz@gmail.com mrsmith53.uscgauz@gmail.com	FL52 FL53
	29-30	Div. 5 OPTREX	Lew Derfuss	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
	1	Form Financial Audit Committee	Lisa McCormick	lisa_uscgauz@att.net	DIV 5
OCT	6	Div. 5 Election	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgauz@att.net	DIV 5
NOV	1	Start Dis-enroll for Non-Payment of Dues			FSO-HR
DEC	3	DIV. 5 Change of Watch – TRACEN	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	DIV 5

To be scheduled:

1. Luau
2. BBQ
3. Potluck

**CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES (“Downs”):**

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

**AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. 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).

**New USCG Station Vallejo Construction** – Construction of the new USCG Station Vallejo is now expected to be completed in **April 2022**. Estimate that Station Personnel will now occupy facilities on April 20, 2022. A committee is planning the details of the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting of the New Station, which will be **tentatively held in May 2022**

**Photos Courtesy of Glenn Hunter, Sta. Vallejo AUC**



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