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MEMORANDUM

From:  Dale Fajardo
Division Commander, Division 1 (113-01)

To: COMO Dean McFarren
District Commodore, D11NR

Subj: DIVISION 1 REPORT: JUNE 2022

Highlights:

1. OPTREX
2. NSBW
3. Escape from Alcatraz Swim Event

Details:

1. **OPTREX.**

- The Division 1 OPTREX will be held on two consecutive Saturdays:
 - Saturday 09JUL22: Training Day
 - Saturday 16JUL22: QE Check Rides only
- Three OPFACs are committed to provide event support (thanks to these facility owners):
 - *Silver Charm*, Coxswain: Terry Blanchard
 - *Seahorse*, Coxswain: Peter Shamray
 - *76*, Coxswain: Bruce Martin
- Special thanks to Nancy Marion (SO-OP) for her yeoman's work in organizing this OPTREX and to Carol Paz (SO-CM) who reserved the ACV (Auxiliary Communications Vehicle) to provide OPCOM for the OPFACs and TCO communications training on both days.

2. **NSBW.**

- Lilli Ferguson is the Division 1 NSBW Chair and communicated messaging regarding Division 1 activities. A copy of her exemplary report follows this report.
- Water Safety Fair at CG Station Golden Gate was held on 21 MAY 2022 to kick off NSBW, which was led by Flotilla 12 with support from Flotillas 14, 17, and 19, and local search and rescue first responders. Tiffany Townsend, Flotilla Commander, Flotilla 12 reported this was the first interactive in-person event since the COVID-19 pandemic. Outdoor exhibits included life jacket giveaways, boating safety and California boater card information, marine safety education and giveaways, paddle craft safety information with kayak and paddleboard displays, knot tying and line heaving, Coast Guard recruitment, multiple fire engines, a marine rescue dive team boat, National Park Service lifeguards with jet skis, a high

angle cliff rescue team with search and rescue dog, Coast Guard motor lifeboats, Auxiliary operational facilities (*Silver Charm* and *Seahorse*), the Auxiliary communications vehicle, Coastie the Robot, Feco the Coast Guard explosive detection dog, and Oscar the Coast Guard Station dog. An MH-65 Dolphin helicopter from Air Station San Francisco landed in the Fort Baker field, providing tours and photo opportunities, followed by rescue swimmer demonstrations. Over four hundred were in attendance throughout the three-hour event (261 who signed in, over 100 curious observers from the area, thirty Auxiliarists, fifteen interagency participants, and twenty Coastguardsmen on duty). BRAVO ZULU to Flotilla 12 leadership (especially Tiffany Townsend as Flotilla Commander) and all Auxiliary participants for their efforts to make this such a successful event! Photographs follow.

3. **Escape from Alcatraz Swim Event.** OPFACs *Silver Charm* (Terry Blanchard) and *Intrepid* (Tommy Holtzman) provided support to the SFPD during the 1.5-mile swim event portion of the Escape Alcatraz Triathlon on 05 JUN 2022. After the event, both OPFACs performed operational training activities to include multiple stern and alongside tows.

Projects:

1. OPTREX.
2. Develop deeper fellowship and member engagement.
3. Leverage HR development opportunities.
4. Focus on professionalism.
5. Continue to support member training requirements to include AUXCT currency requirements and AUXDATA II competency.

Goals & Objectives:

1. Attain the NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity. Completed.
2. Provide training opportunities based on need.
3. Rotate members into training patrols for OPTREX preparation and to build underway hour. In addition, provide training opportunities for current crew members and initial qualification candidates.
4. Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between flotillas.
5. Increase AUXDATA II reporting of member hours.
6. Improve member recruitment and retention.

Challenges and Opportunities:

1. Reduce membership attrition while emphasizing recruiting opportunities.
2. Threat from COVID variants may limit activities in the future. Will continue to leverage remote meeting capabilities as needed.
3. Monthly division meetings will ensure good lines of communication across division flotillas.

Photographs on the following pages:

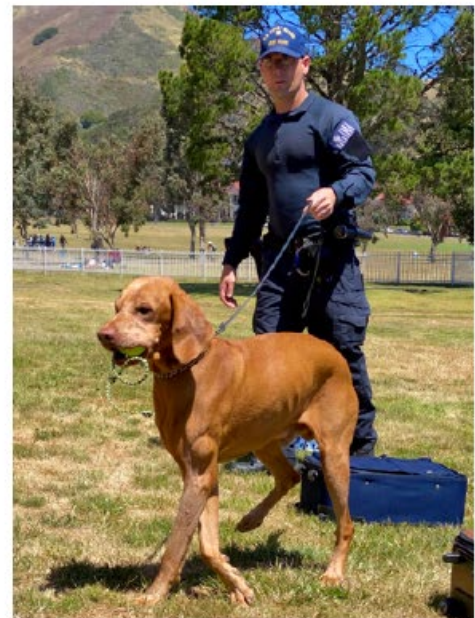
Flotilla 12 Water Safety Fair at U.S. Coast Guard Station Golden Gate



San Francisco — Coast Guard 47' motor lifeboats await the day on the docks of Horseshoe Bay at Coast Guard Station Golden Gate. Normally ready for daily patrols and search and rescue operations, the facilities were open for tours on the morning of Saturday, May 21st for Sausalito-Tiburon Flotilla 12's Water Safety Fair in support of 2022 National Safe Boating Week. The event also featured a life jacket giveaway, boating safety information booths, an explosives detection K-9 exhibition, local area fire and other community safety organization displays as well as a flyover, landing and rescue swimmer demonstration by an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew from Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco. Over 400 Coast Guard, Auxiliary, fire, local law enforcement, and the visiting public were in attendance. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Pete Gorenberg)



Terry Blanchard aboard OPFAC Silver Charm waves farewell to an MH-65 Dolphin rescue helicopter on a final pass at the Water Safety Fair on May 21, 2022. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Tiffany Townsend)



Coast Guard explosive detection dog Feco and handler Corey Sumner (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Tiffany Townsend)



Aux Chef and Flotilla 12 Vice Commander John Foley prepared an amazing spread for Water Safety Fair volunteers. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Arne Gelb)

OPFACs *Intrepid* and *Silver Charm* and crew at Station San Francisco after mooring a towed vessel on 05 JUN 22. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo courtesy of COMO Dale Fajardo).



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2 June 2022

MEMORANDUM

From: Lilli Ferguson, NSBW Chair 2022, Division 1 (113-01)

To: Terry Blanchard, VCDR and SO-SR, Division 1 (113-01)

Cc: COMO Dale Fajardo, CDR and SO-MT, Division 1 (113-01)
Louis Sarto, SO-CS, Division 1 (113-01)
Kit Galvin, ADSO-NSBW, District 11 NR (113)

Highlights

1. Flotilla 1-2 – Members participated in Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day, prepared for National Safe Boating Week (NSBW), and held a successful Water Safety Fair on May 21.
2. Flotilla 1-4 – Nine members assisted with the May 21 Water Safety Fair in various capacities.
3. Flotilla 1-7 – Two members assisted with the May 21 Water Safety Fair in various capacities and on May 28 the flotilla provided information at South Beach Harbor and did Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs).
4. Flotilla 1-9 – Four members assisted with the May 21 Water Safety Fair in various capacities and on May 22, three members visited three marinas with an OPFAC.

Details

1. Flotilla 1-2 – the NSBW POC, Tiffany Townsend, reported on these topics:
 - On May 20, Coast Guard Auxiliarists from the flotilla joined the National Safe Boating Council in celebrating "Wear It at Work" Day, a fun and educational way to heighten life jacket awareness and highlight the styles prior to the official launch of this year's Safe Boating Campaign. In addition to the images included below, see how others have expressed their safe boating spirits: click [HERE](#).



SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — Sausalito-Tiburon Flotilla 12 New Member (AP Status) Monica Schneider wears it at work, supporting the National Safe Boating Council on Friday, May 20 by donning a personal flotation device while measuring a patient's vital signs. Nurse Monica cares about your health and safety and encourages everyone to wear a life jacket any time you are on or near the water.



SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist and anesthesiologist Tiffany Townsend dons a personal flotation device over her radiation safety gear in support of the National Safe Boating Council's "Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day" on Friday, May 20. She encourages everyone to wear a life jacket any time you are on or near the water. It could save a life!

- National Safe Boating Week messages were prepared by Flotilla 1-2 for 2022 National Safe Boating Week. Posters included scannable QR codes for boating safety information. These were posted with additional information throughout National Safe Boating Week on the flotilla's Facebook page (click [HERE](#)).
- Sausalito-Tiburon's Flotilla 1-2 kicked off the 2022 National Safe Boating Week by hosting a Water Safety Fair at Coast Guard Station Golden Gate on Saturday, May 21 with support from members of the other three flotillas in Division 1 and from local search and rescue first responders. This was the first fully-interactive in-person event the flotilla has held at the motor lifeboat station since the COVID-19 pandemic. Exhibits included life jacket giveaways, boating safety and California boater card information, marine safety education and giveaways, paddle craft safety information with kayak and paddleboard displays, knot tying and line heaving, Coast Guard recruitment, multiple fire engines, a marine rescue dive

team boat, National Park Service lifeguards with jet skis, a high angle cliff rescue team with search and rescue dog, Coast Guard motor lifeboats, Auxiliary operational facilities Seahorse and Silver Charm, the Auxiliary communications vehicle, Coastie the robot, Feco the Coast Guard explosive detection dog, and Oscar the Coast Guard Station dog. An MH-65 Dolphin helicopter from Air Station San Francisco landed on the Fort Baker parade ground, providing tours and photo opportunities, followed by rescue swimmer demonstrations. Over four hundred were in attendance throughout the three-hour event (261 who signed in, over 100 curious observers from the area, thirty Auxiliarists, fifteen interagency participants, and twenty Coastguardsmen on duty).

a. Facebook post for Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco helicopter rescue team demonstrations: [HERE](#) (Facebook login required).

b. Facebook post for Coast Guard explosive detection dog Feco: [HERE](#).

c. Additional Water Safety Fair images and video clips [HERE](#).

2. Flotilla 1-4 – The NSBW POC, Alex Bennett, reported that nine Flotilla 1-4 members assisted with Flotilla 1-2's Water Safety Fair on May 21. Members: assisted with setup; provided the Flotilla 1-4 OPFAC and gave tours; assisted with the communications vehicle; provided boater education and marine safety information; assisted with knot tying and line heaving activities; operated Coastie; helped with PFD distribution; and assisted with breakdown and cleanup.

3. Flotilla 1-7 – The NSBW POC, Cynthia Dragon, assisted by fellow Flotilla member, Nicholas Moore, also participated in Flotilla 1-2's Water Safety Fair on May 21. They arrived about 8:30am. Part of the time, Cynthia helped with Coastie. She also took many pictures with peoples' phones of their families in front of the rescue dogs. Nicholas manned some of the information pamphlet tables and also assisted with handing out free life vests. They both helped out with keeping the public at safe distance from the HM 65 Dolphin as it sat in a field and kept people back at a safe distance at its lift off. Finally, they helped clean up.



The following week, on May 28, 8 members of Flotilla 1-7 & 1 member of 1-9 met at South Beach Harbor, SF to set up informational tables and perform several Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs). They were there approximately 8 hours, and got more requests for VSCs from the boaters. They will return to meet up with those boaters in individual appointments. The participants from 1-7 were Desmond Thorsson, Cynthia Dragon, Robin Stewart, Nicholas Moore, Bart Rugo, Jerry Norton, Neil Nevesny, and Mark Allen; and the participant from 1-9 was Arnold Gelb.

4. Flotilla 1-9 – The NSBW POC, Gary Kaplan, reported that members of his flotilla also assisted with the Water Safety Fair on May 21: the Crew of SILVER CHARM - Terry Blanchard, Cheryl Warner and himself; Arne Gelb manned one of the display tables; and Gary also manned the paddlecraft display.
 - In addition, on May 22, SILVER CHARM and her crew that day, Terry, Arne, and Gary, visited Coyote Point Marina, Oyster Point Marina and Brisbane Marina. On the way to the marina visits, the SILVER CHARM crew encountered a boater out enjoying a paddle with his cat (in a PFD); he later showed up at one of the marinas and chatted further with the crew, introducing himself as an active duty Coast Guard member (on his day off).



- SILVER CHARM moored at each marina and welcomed the public aboard for a close up view of an Auxiliary Operational Facility and an opportunity to learn more about recreational boating safety and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. During the day, about 50 visitors, including a few children and two dogs, came aboard. A total of seven individuals, including the off-duty Coast Guard member, requested vessel safety checks and four individuals took business cards with them when they left. Two vessel examinations were performed. A considerable amount of time was spent talking about the Auxiliary and the work that the Auxiliary does. A few individuals expressed interest in joining and one will be attending the flotilla's next meeting. The flotilla members are already thinking about what can be done next year to build on what they did this year.





Projects

1. None.

Challenges and Opportunities

1. Next year, there is an opportunity for a new person to be the Chair; suggest the role would be best performed by one of the four flotilla's FSOs-PA or the SO-PA.

Goals and Objectives

1. No changes.

POCs-NSBW 2022 in the Division 1 Flotillas

1. Flotilla 1-2: Tiffany Townsend, FC
2. Flotilla 1-4: Alex Bennett, FC
3. Flotilla 1-7: Cynthia Dragon, FSO-HR
4. Flotilla 1-9: Gary Kaplan, FSO-MT, FSO-PE