



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



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

June 13, 2022
Division: 05

HIGHLIGHTS/"UPS":

1. Face Time = Members (FL53, FL55)
2. VCS's Another Recruiting Opportunity (FL52)
3. I am a member of the Aux (FL53)
4. Getting it Done (FL51)
5. Member Involvement (FL57)
6. NSBW 2022
7. Bravo Zulu (All)

DETAILS:

1. **Face Time = Members** – Flotilla 53 (Solano) and Flotilla 55 (Sonoma/Bodega Bay) have been capitalizing on the secret to getting new members. Flotilla 53 have been actively recruiting members through the use of Public Education Classes. PE Classes are not only the platform to promote RBS to boaters but also to promote the Auxiliary. Every FL53 class has recruiting sprinkled throughout the material presentation. Recruiting through PE generates quality candidates because the students are conscientious boaters that want to be safe on the water for not only themselves but also the other boaters around them. This has generated several new members and leads for FL53. FL55 has been using our other "tried and true" method and that is through Public Affairs Booths. It is been said that the AUX is the best kept secret. Obviously this is not a positive when our primary purpose is promoting RBS to the public. FL55 has been getting facetime with the public by meeting with boaters at such places as the Sebastopol Hardware sporting goods section, the local West Marine, Lawson's landing and the premier Bodega Bay Fish Fest event. The many leads generated through direct face-to-face interaction has kept HR and MT busy at both of these Flotillas. If you want to recruit new members, you have to get out to where those potential new members are.
2. **VCS's Another Recruiting Opportunity** = Flotilla 52 (Napa) continues to look for ways to grow with new members. At their most recent VSC event, they were able to identify two potential members. VSCs also provide great visibility for the Aux. The participating members were pleased when the boating community let them know they were happy to see the Auxiliary back in action. Along with VSCs, fostering a great relationship with the local harbormaster brings dividends by way of VSC referrals and promoting safe boating classes.
3. **I am a member of the Aux** – Flotilla 53 has many active members. However, they are not only active in Flotilla 53 but also team up with other surrounding Flotillas to participate in their events. Under the leadership of FC Kit Galvin, members understand that they are members of the Auxiliary and to supports its purposes regardless if the activity is in FL53 or elsewhere. With the no boundary mentality, just in the month of May, 11 members of FL53 participated in 8 events outside of FL53.
 - 1) May 01 - Bodega Bay Fish Festival - Safety Patrol
 - 2) May 10 - Benicia Yacht Club Opening of the Strait – Assisted FL 51 Booth (VEs, WWW, & DW)
 - 3) May 18 - EMS for Children Day Booth (Fairfield) – Line skills demonstrated
 - 4) May 20 – Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day – all aboard to be seen in public
 - 5) May 21 – Old Sacramento – Safe Boating Booth
 - 6) May 21 – Patrol on SARDOG – Lew Derfuss, Randy McCormick, Scott Lingen, Albert Albrecht
 - 7) May 23 – Dockwalker Kits offered at Suisun Launch
 - 8) May 24 – Patrol on SARDOG – Lew Derfuss, Randy McCormick

- 9) May 25 – VSC Blitz at San Pablo Dam (Rocky Mountain Recreation Co)
- 10) May 28 – Station Rio Vista Workday, BBQ & FAM Ride for AUX members
- 11) May 30 – Patrol on Sidekick and Argonath “no orders patrol” on Sacramento River

4. **Getting it Done (FL51)** – Flotilla 51 (Vallejo) is firing on all RBS cylinders. Their mighty team has been busy with the basics. This past month they held multiple PA booths to get the word out to the boating community. They held multiple VE stations to ensure vessels meet requirements and directly educating the owner. FL51 also continued with their strong Partner Visitation (PV) program meeting with marine dealers and harbors. Additionally, they continue to mentor Cal Maritime students who participate in the AUP (Auxiliary University Program).
5. **Member Involvement (FL57)** – Unfortunately after 79 years of serving the Contra Costa delta area and being well known for one of the most outstanding Public Education flotillas, dwindling member involvement/participation has brought Flotilla 57 to its end. Founded on 1/1/1943, this Flotilla had consistently had 50-100 members and was the highlight of Division 5. Over the last few years, the core members that were the backbone of FL57 were no longer in the Flotilla or could no longer participate for various reasons. Recruiting was minimal and they were unable to replace those lost with quality/enthusiastic members. RBS and Fellowship activities faded and the timing of COVID quickly exacerbated the problem. We all thank Flotilla 57 for their contribution to Safe Boating, the Coast Guard and the Aux members for the many years. Their impact to the boating community has been epic. Bravo Zulu.
6. **NSWB 2022** – Read Kit Galvin’s outstanding District National Safe Boating Week report. The contribution by Division 5 and its Flotillas were outstanding.
7. **Bravo Zulu:**
 - Bob Schabert – PA2 Certification
 - Lisa McCormick – Your long time support as the Div. 5 Finance Officer. Lisa could not meeting the new Finance rules because of the Family ties.
 - Division 5 Board and Staff for quickly ramping up to pre-Covid Face to Face meetings.


PROJECTS:

Standing Meetings:

Date	Time	Description	Contact	Contact Info	Sponsor
Second Thursday	1930	Flotilla 51	Steve Johnson	stevenjohnson.uscgaux@gmail.com	FL51
Third Saturday	1000	Flotilla 52	Dan Glenn	dguscgaux@gmail.com	FL52
Third Tuesday	1900	Flotilla 53	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	FL53
Second Tuesday	1930	Flotilla 55	Frank Capurro	frankcapurro@yahoo.com	FL55
First Thursday	1930	Div. 5 Meeting	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgaux@att.net	Div. 5
Third Wednesday	1900	District Meeting	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgaux@att.net	District
Fourth Monday	1900	FC Working Meeting	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	FCs

Events and Important Dates:

Month	Date	Description	Contact	Contact Info	Sponsor
Jan	31	Gail Ramsey Award nominations due to DCAPTs			D11N
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	DTRAIN INFO	District
	26	Boat Crew Academy	Glenn Hunter	hunterglenn@att.net	FL52
APR	2	Herb Hoesser 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.uscgau@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.uscgau@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 Sta. Rio Vista	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	FL53
	14	Boat America at Solano College	Curtis Han	curtis.s.han@gmail.com	FL52
	20	Rock and Ribs - TRACEN	Frank Capurro	frankcapurro@yahoo.com	FL55
	21	Armed Forces Day – River Cats	Don Anderson	auxdon@yahoo.com	DIV 3
	21-27	National Safe Boating Week	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
	28	Sta. Rio Vista Work Party	Steve Harrison	papasteve01@yahoo.com	FL35
JUN	1	National Staff Applications Due	Various	Staff Postings	NTL
	6	2022 VE Workshop	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
	18	District Meeting – CGI 09:00	Dean McFarren		D11N
	24	Petaluma TRACEN Change of Command	Frank Capurro	frankcapurro@yahoo.com	FL55
	25	MEES and MSAM Classroom Instruction	Jeff Fite	jeff.fite.cgau@frontier.com	FL310
	30	IT Instructor Workshop Due	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
	30	VE Workshop Due	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
	30	OPS/TCT Workshops Due	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	DIV 5
JUL	1	Flotilla Dues Notices sent out	FSO-FNs		FSO-FN
	7	Division 5 Meeting – Dark (No Meeting)	Randy McCormick	Randy_uscgau@att.net	DCDR
	16	Bocce Ball Fellowship  Bocce Flyer 2022 July 16.docx	Tom Sarnicola	thomassarnicola@gmail.com	FL52
	17	Port Chicago Memorial Ceremony - Tentative	Dinia Paananen Mike Smith	dp.uscgau@gmail.com mrsmith53.uscgau@gmail.com	FL52 FL53
	29-30	Div. 5 OPTREX and Sta. Vallejo BBQ	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	DIV 5
AUG	12-14	C-School - AUX-06 ATON & Chart Updating Coast Guard Island - Alameda			D11N
	15-21	NACON			NTL
SEP	11	Annual Luau	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	DIV 5 & FL53
	16-18	C-School - AUX-12 AUX Public Affairs & Marketing – Coast Guard Island Alameda			D11Nd
	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_uscgau@att.net	DIV 5
OCT	6	Div. 5 Election	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgau@att.net	DIV 5
	11	Flotilla 55 Meeting and Elections	Frank Capurro	frankcapurro@yahoo.com	FL55
	13	Flotilla 51 Meeting and Elections	Steve Johnson	stevenjohnson.uscgau@gmail.com	FL51
	15	Flotilla 52 Meeting and Elections	Dan Glenn	dguscgau@gmail.com	FL52
	18	Flotilla 53 Meeting and Elections	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	FL53
NOV	1	Start Dis-enroll for Non-Payment of Dues	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	FL53
	3	Div. 5 EOY Meeting/Diversity Potluck	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgau@att.net	DIV 5
	16	PCA Election	Jim Lossi		D11N
DEC	3	DIV. 5 Change of Watch – TRACEN	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	DIV 5

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).



Sunday's Crew poses for a quick picture at Fish Festival Steve Jette, Thomas Nguyen, Jim Matthies, Randy Saxe



John Guaraglia set up a PA booth inside West Marine in Santa Rosa CA shown here sharing important information on Recreational Boating to local boat owners.

Photos taken during Boat America PE Class session at Solano College in Vallejo on May 14, 2022.



Curtis Han, Flotilla 52, teaching Boat America lessons.

Glenn Hunter, Flotilla 52, teaching Boat America lessons.



Dan Glenn, Flotilla Commander, Flotilla 52, teaching Boat America lessons.



Boat America Students, Instructors & Aide with Certificates of Completion. Not pictured, Curtis Han, Boat America Class Organizer, and Instructor.



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