



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



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

August 9, 2022
Division: 05

HIGHLIGHTS/"UPS":

1. Div. 5 2022 OPTREX (FL51, FL52, FL53, FL55)
2. Port Chicago Memorial (FL52, FL53, Sta. Vallejo)

DETAILS:

1. **Div. 5 2022 OPTREX** – The Division 5 OPTREX held on July 29-30 was a huge success producing 4 new crew members, 1 crew Requal and 1 Coxswain Requal. The Initial Crew candidates were the product of the joint training with Auxiliarist and Active Duty from Station Vallejo. The readiness of the candidates were said to be excellent by many in attendance. Joint training ensured that crew trainees will not only get valuable training that enable them to successfully demonstrate their skills and knowledge during Orals and Praticals but also imparts the seriousness of being a crew candidate. Bravo Zulu to the QEs Commodore Mike Maddox, Bill Stolz and DCOS Curtis Han, all involved in Joint Training and our new qualified crew members.
2. **Port Chicago Memorial** – Last year’s annual Port Chicago National Museum memorial service was attended by Auxiliarist Mike Smith (FL53). He noted that there was no Coast Guard representation even though five Coast Guard shipmates lost their lives in the tragedy. On the evening of July 17, 1944 two ships were being loaded with high explosives including incendiary bombs, depth charges, and ammunition. A subsequent explosion killed not only the 5 Coast Guards Men but also 320 Navy personnel and many others.

Mike Smith took it upon himself to ensure that the 2022 service will include Coast Guard representation. Mike along with his team coordinate a 29 RBS from Station Vallejo and Aux Facility SAR DOG to make a presence on the water and several Auxiliarists attended the service. Additionally, Dinia Paananen SO-DV noted that many of the killed were African American and ensured that their contribution was recognized through a series of Diversity articles written by Dinia. Bravo Zulu to Mike, Dinia and all that support this important even.


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
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	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 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.uscgau.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.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.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.com	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.com mrsmith53.uscgau.com	FL52 FL53
	29-30	Div. 5 OPTREX and Sta. Vallejo BBQ	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	DIV 5
AUG	10	District Monthly Meeting	COMO McFarren		D11N
	12-14	C-School - AUX-06 ATON & Chart Updating Coast Guard Island - Alameda			D11N
	15-21	NACON			NTL
SEP	10	Boat America Class – Vallejo	DCOS Curtis Han	curtis.s.han@gmail.com	FL52
	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.com	DIV 5
OCT	6	Div. 5 Election	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgau.com	DIV 5
	11	Flotilla 55 Meeting and Elections	Frank Capurro	frankcapurro@yahoo.com	FL55
	13	Flotilla 51 Meeting and Elections	Steve Johnson	stevenjohnson.uscgau.com	FL51
	15	Flotilla 52 Meeting and Elections	Dan Glenn	dguscgau.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_uscgaux@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).

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