



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



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

September 14, 2022
Division: 05

HIGHLIGHTS/"UPS":

1. Station Vallejo Ribbon Cutting (FL52)
2. Scouting with the Sea Scouts (FL53)
3. A Special Day (All)
4. Mission Accomplished (FL51,FL52, FL53, FL55, DIV 5)
5. AUC is the Key (FL55)
6. Leadership Challenges (FL51)
7. Bravo Zulu

DETAILS:

1. **Station Vallejo Ribbon Cutting (FL52)** – After multiple delays, the official Ribbon Cutting for the brand USCG Station Vallejo is scheduled for Friday, September 16. USCG Station Vallejo shipmates have completed their move into their new facility. Flotilla 52 completed their first meeting at the new station and also received a tour. All were impressed. FYI – BOSN Holt is assigned as temporary OIC. BOSN Holt has worked with the Auxiliary for several years in Florida and shared his working philosophy with the Aux team.
2. **Scouting with the Sea Scouts (FL53)** - FSO-AS (Auxiliary Sea Scout Youth Program) Wade MacAdam continues to partner with the local Sea Scouts skipper. Wade's main responsibilities is to collaborate, support and train with the team including the support of the recently completed all day training event on the Sea Scout Ship MSS Odyssey. Training included, cold water survival, proper usage and handling of pyro, water rescue and fire suppression. Bravo Zulu to Wade and the Sea Scouts.
3. **A Special Day (All)** – Kit Galvin Flotilla Commander had a very special day. Kit was nominated and selected to represent the PacArea Auxiliary at the July 7th Admiral Fagan All-Hands/Meet & Greet event. Kit has a long list of accomplishments, understands the mission of the Auxiliary and puts that into practice on a daily basis. After receiving Admiral Fagan's personal Challenge Coin, Kit commented "We don't get paid for what we do but sometimes we get a paycheck...and I'd say this is a pretty good one."
4. **Mission Accomplished (FL51,FL52, FL53, FL55, DIV 5)** – After months of classroom and on the water training, along with being able to properly demonstrate the many requirements to become Crew, the culmination of all this occurred at the 2022 Div. 5 OPTREX at the very end of July. Congratulations to 4 new crew members, 1 crew and 1 coxswain requal and 1 new crew member that qualified elsewhere. A special thanks to the QE team of Bill Stolz, DCOS Curtis Han and COMO Mike Maddox and Tommy Holtzman that provided COMMS. Bravo Zulu to the entire training and support team of Auxiliarists and Active Duty from Sta. Vallejo.
5. **AUC is the Key (FL55)** – How do you meet the pledge of "You are expected to promote closer liaison between the Auxiliary and local Coast Guard units"? Use the AUC key to unlock the door. AUC John Guaraglia has opened the door. As a result, Flotilla 55 had four (4) guests from Sta. Bodega Bay with lots of information to share. Attending was Station Chief Ben Corbisiero, Engineering Petty Officer Carlos Arroyo, Executive Petty Officer Tony Kopshever and Boatswain Mate II Harrison Rabalais. Along with that, Auxiliary and Active Duty worked together to support an Uninspected Passenger Vessel (UPV) safety checks event. Finally, 2-boat training is being scheduled. This is demonstrated success of the value and power of an Auxiliary Unit Coordinator.

6. Leadership Challenges (FL51) – Flotilla 51 Commander Steve Johnson has been in many leadership roles over the years. He was challenged this year with the lack of shipmates stepping up to take on leadership roles in 2023. Frustrated but not giving in, Steve skillfully met with his Flotilla, expressed the importance of moving Flotilla 51 forward with strong leadership and commitment to rebuild the Flotilla. Thankfully Steve was persuasive and compelling that his shipmates have stepped up to support 2023. Bravo Zulu to Steve and 2023 leadership.

7. BRAVO ZULU:

- Rhoda Jones (FL53) – Completed AUX-10 C-School (Information Services) in Orlando, FL
- Morgan Curtis (FL53) – SWB Deployment
- Bob Schabert (FL53) - is now certified as Public Affairs Specialist II
- John Guaraglia (FL55) – Building a closer relationship with Sta. Bodega Bay as the AUC. Special thanks to Sta. Vallejo AUC Glenn Hunter for his mentorship and support.
- Erik Paananen, Dina Paananen, Thomas Sarnicola, Glenn Hunter and Frank Capurro for during a presentation on Boating Safety for 40 children in Saint Helena. Teach them young and we will create lifelong safe boaters and respect for the water.


PROJECTS:

Standing Meetings:

Date	Time	Description	Contact	Contact Info	Sponsor
Second Thursday	1930	Flotilla 51	Steve Johnson	stevenjohnson.uscgau@gmail.com	FL51
Third Saturday	1000	Flotilla 52	Dan Glenn	dguscgau@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_uscgau@att.net	Div. 5
Third Wednesday	1900	District Meeting	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgau@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 Hoeser 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	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	SCG Station Vallejo Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (By Invitation Only)	Glenn Hunter	hunterglenn@att.net	Sta. Vallejo
	16-18	C-School - AUX-12 AUX Public Affairs & Marketing – Coast Guard Island Alameda			D11N
	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
OCT	1	Form Financial Audit Committee	Doug Twitchell	dtwitchellcgau@gmail.com	DIV 5
	1	Boat America Class	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	FL53
	6	Div. 5 Election	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgau@att.net	DIV 5
	7-9	S.F. Fleet Week	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	Flotillas
	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	FSO-FN/FSO-HR		Flotillas
	3	Div. 5 EOY Meeting/Diversity Potluck	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgau@att.net	DIV 5
	5	Boat America Class	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	FL53
	16	PCA Election	Jim Lossi		D11N
DEC	3	DIV. 5 Change of Watch – TRACEN	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	DIV 5
	10	Boat America Class	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	FL53

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).



Flotilla 52 Members checking out the new Facility



Sta. Vallejo vessel and crew participating in the Port Chicago 1944 Commemoration Event on July 16, 2022



Flotilla Commander Kit Galvin (FL53) receiving a Challenge Coin from Admiral Fagan

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