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MEMORANDUM

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To: COMO Curtis S. Han
District Commodore, D11NR

Subj: DIVISION 1 REPORT, FEBRUARY 2023

Ref: (a) [United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Strategic Plan 2022-2028](#)
(b) [ALAUX 042/22 RE Boat Crew Qualification](#)
(c) [ALAUX 041/22 RE Boat Crew Manual](#)
(d) [Surface Program Manuals and Document Info](#)
(e) [Auxiliary Boat Crew Qualification Handbook JAN 2023](#)

Highlights

1. Change of Watch (COW)
2. Division "SMART" Goal Planning
3. Boating Skills and Seamanship Course
4. Operations

Details

1. **Change of Watch:** Joint Ceremony at Berkeley YC took place on 4 FEB 2023 for Division 1 as well as Flotillas 1-4, 1-7, 1-9. Annual unit awards presented. Keynote address by Sector Commander Captain Taylor Q. Lam, USCG. Also in attendance Commander Christina Jones, USCG, DIRAUX. Multiple District awards presented for Outstanding Performance: Instructors (Alex Bennett, Rob Aston, Mary Kirkwood), CG Operational Support (Greg Catani), CG Administrative Support (Rob Aston), Vessels Crew (Steve Bustin, Mary Kirkwood, Alex Bennett). Division 1 Awards also presented
2. **Division "SMART" Goal Planning:** An initial assessment of several Division 1 targeted goals for the year has been developed. (See Attachment #1 and Ref a)

3. **Boating Skills & Seamanship Course:** Scheduled 7 Feb -9 Mar, taught by 10 instructors from throughout the Division, coordinated by SO-PE Mary Kirkwood.
4. **Operations:** ASSF Helo-Ops Patrols have resumed with ASSF and OPFAC Silver Charm with patrols scheduled for 9th, 16th, 23rd of Feb. PATON patrols are in initial planning stages. As all crew are now required to meet annual performance metrics, use of the Annual Currency Maintenance Task Tracker will be implemented. Tasks are similar to those on a re-qualification check ride. To maintain night currency, MOB and navigation/piloting exercises must be performed and a minimum of 2 hours underway at night are required (ref b, c, d, e)

Projects

1. **Website Revision** - initial phase/ongoing
2. **AUXDATA II** - Continued training

Challenges and Obstacles

1. **AUXDATA II data entry limitations** persist for some members
2. **Succession planning** for both elected and appointed positions faces ongoing recruitment challenges at both the Division and Flotilla levels

Goals and Objectives

1. Assist units in advancing **member goals, diversity, qualifying for NACO 3 Star Award**
2. Promote **fellowship** events
3. Expand **AUXDATA II proficiency**
4. Plan and enhance **training opportunities** including OPTREX events
5. Explore ideas to amplify **USCG Auxiliary recruitment**

Photo Gallery

BERKELEY, Calif — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary District Eleventh Norther Region’s Division One Senior Area hosted a combined Change of Watch ceremony with flotillas 1-4 (Central Marin), 1-7 (Point Bonita), and 1-9 (Coyote Point) at the Berkeley Yacht Club on Saturday, February 4. Outgoing Division Commander, Commodore Dale Fajardo was Master of Ceremonies. Honored guest Captain Taylor Lam, U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco Commander, delivered opening remarks and gave thanks for Auxiliary volunteer service. Closing remarks were delivered by incoming Division Commander Pete Gorenberg.



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Attachment #1 “SMART” Goal Planning

PUBLIC OUTREACH

S: [Annual Water Safety Fair Station](#), Station Golden Gate (sponsored by Flotilla 12 with support from from other Div 1 members).

M: This is a longstanding hallmark Auxiliary led event involving CG and other local SAR assets and personnel (ie fire, sheriff, NPS). Typically, several hundred community members are in attendance with numerous activities including: PFD giveaway, surface and air (helo) static and dynamic displays.

A: Leads assigned by Flotilla 12 for general logistics (VFC) along with interagency outreach (FSO-Ops), with recruitment of additional participating Aux members throughout the Division in progress.

R: RBS is core Aux mission. Aligns with Strategic Plan goal to “Develop and deliver... other RBS outreach to encourage and increase safe boating behaviors...” (page 13, paragraph 2)

T: Tentative, 20 May 2023 (National Safe Boating Week), pending Sta GG CO approval

S: [Mavericks Surf Festival](#), Half Moon Bay

M: Public event with inaugural Aux participation in 2022 involving PFD and water safety literature giveaway

A: Lead to be established per Flotilla 14 with support from other Div 1 members

R: RBS is core Aux mission. Aligns with Strategic Plan goal to “Develop and deliver... other RBS outreach to encourage and increase safe boating behaviors...” (page 13, paragraph 2)

T: Typically held October

S: [BS&S Class](#) (sponsored by Flotilla 14 with support from other Div 1 members)

M: Registration open to public (10 students enrolled as of 5 Feb 2023).

A: Course organizer COMO Mary Kirkwood, 01-04, with additional support by Div 1 instructors

R: RBS is core Aux mission. Additionally course allows current instructors to maintain proficiency and currency and also allows training opportunity for potential new instructors. Course fee provides modest income to Flotilla. Aligns with Strategic Plan goal to “Develop and deliver the prevention programs of safe boating education...” (page 13, paragraph 2)

T: Ten evening classes taking place over period from 7 Feb - 9 Mar

TRAINING

S: [OPTREX](#)

M: Allows active members in surface operations opportunity for practice, qualification or re-qualification in boat crew program. Also provides training opportunity for Aux Comm and serves as potential platform for PA (photographs, articles, other) that showcase and promote USCG Aux.

A: Annual event with very experienced SO-OP as lead

R: Critical to maintaining boat crew readiness. “Enhance the Auxiliary’s level of Safety, Proficiency, and Professionalism in surface operations to more closely align with that of Active Duty.” (page 11 paragraph 2.)

T: Date TBD, typically summer (to be set at upcoming Feb Div 1 meeting)

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S: NIGHT OPERATIONS TRAINING

M: As of 1 Jan 23, any new crew member must follow policy in boatcrew/coxswain handbook to obtain night time certification (ALAUX 048/22, 20 DEC 22)

A: Annual currency maintenance tasks to be required.

R: Aligns with Strategic Plan Goal to “Enhance the Auxiliary’s level of Safety, Proficiency, and Professionalism in surface operations to more closely align with that of Active Duty.” (page 11 paragraph 2.)

T: Rolling, as of 1 Jan 2023

OPERATIONS

S: Surface Operations, including ATON, MOM patrols, helo-ops, special events (Fleet Week, Fourth of July safety patrols) and kite board patrols.

M: Continuation of typical surface operations routinely performed with Div 1 certified crew and facilities. Current OPFACS include SeaHorse and Silver Charm.

A: Surface operations with continued oversight by ADSO-Boats, Main Bay, Terry Blanchard

R: Operations and Marine Safety is Core Aux Mission

T: Ongoing with year end metrics available via AD2

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

S: Outgoing request to each FC to consider, recognize and optimize recruitment and retention strategies with goal of increasing overall membership.

M: Directly able to quantify Flotilla membership at year’s end

A: Relies on flotilla leadership with support of Assistant National Commodore-ForceCom, DSO-HR and COS

R: Decreasing Aux workforce threatens future ability to continue core missions. Aligns with stated Strategic Plan Goal to “enhance recruiting and retention at all levels” (page 15, paragraph 2).

T: Ongoing, with year end metrics to be computed and evaluated

SAFETY

S: **VSC and PV** program (with expectation of growth over prior year assuming pandemic limitations continue to fall)

M: Directly able to quantify via AD2

A: Division 1 has multiple members qualified and engaged in VE and PV

R: One of the 4 Auxiliary core missions. Aligns with Strategic Plan goal to “Develop and deliver... other RBS outreach to encourage and increase safe boating behaviors...” (page 13, paragraph 2)

T: Ongoing, with year end metrics available via AD2