



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



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

November 11, 2022
Division: 05

This month I want to focus on the great work our committees completed this year. These committees work independently meeting regularly outside of the standard meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS/"UPS":

1. What do your members have to say?
2. What Awards?
3. 2022 - National Safe Boating Week
4. 2022 – Epic Change of Watch
5. 2022 - OPTREX 2022
6. Can we do the monthly meeting better?
7. Bravo Zulu (All)

DETAILS:

- 1. What do your members have to say?** Under the leadership of Glenn Hunter and Tom Sarnicola, Div. 5 conducted a membership survey to get a better understanding of members' attitudes toward the Auxiliary, what are the roadblocks and how the Aux can better serve them. This survey is the catalyst to future surveys that will dive deeper into the Flotilla's performance and membership engagement. 36.6% of the members participated out of the 153 members in Division 5.

Key Highlights Include (Agree/Strongly Agree):

- 91% - Their Flotilla offers activities that interest them.
- 89% - Their Flotilla provides New Member Training/Mentoring.
- 78.5% - They are engaged with their shipmates.

Challenges from a summary of Verbatims:

- AUXDATA II – Improve AUXDATA II. Make it more user friendly.
- HEALTH ISSUES – Health issues limit my involvement in the Flotilla.
- SOCIAL EVENTS/FELLOWSHIP – Have more social and fellowship events.
- LIMITED TIME TO PARTICIPATE – Work, or other non-health reasons limit my involvement in the Flotilla.

In summary, members that completed the survey seem to also be the same members that are doing the majority of participation. Participation generates more engagement and satisfaction. The challenge is to re-engage those members that have fallen off the last few years but were otherwise previously active. Bravo Zulu to Glenn and Tom, all the FC's looking at ways to better engage their members by using the insights that were gathered and those members that took the time to complete the survey and providing many valuable comments. The complete survey is attached below.

- 2. What Awards?** – A very legitimate concern of Division 5 members is, how is it that I work very hard for the Auxiliary yet my shipmate wins the award? For that matter, what awards are available and how is the award winner calculated? We established the Awards Committee to focus on answering these questions. The team consisting of Glenn Hunter, Lew Derfuss and Curtis Han set out their goals and went beyond my expectations. The end results is that all Division 5 Awards are clearly identified with purpose, how the award winner calculated and who is eligible. They also created an Awards addendum to the Standing Rules to ensure that every member and leader can understand the awards and apply them accurately. In addition, the Awards are clearly outlined

along with the National Awards on the Div. 5 Consolidated Calendar. Finally, the details of the awards will be posted on the Division website for easy consumption by members. Flotillas are encouraged to review the Awards with members and collectively decide if they want to focus on certain awards.

3. **2022 - National Safe Boating Week Success** – NSBW is a big deal in Division 5. This is one of the first committees that are established at the beginning of the year. Traditionally the VCDR takes on the role of Committee Chair as this is an opportunity for the VCDR to develop and exercise leadership and teaming skills. Unfortunately this year Div. 5 did not have an active VCDR so Jimmy Matthies and Kit Galvin stepped up to co-chair the committee. They successfully helped Flotillas develop NSBW plans/activities, coordinated joint Flotilla event and helped with generating wonderful reports for each of the Flotillas.
4. **2022 – Epic Change of Watch** – The Division 5 Change of Watch does its best to continue the tradition of a formal Change of Watch. The COW program is jammed packed with speakers and activities. We will continue the traditions such as Missing Shipmate Ceremony, Benediction, Featured Speakers, Change of Leadership Ceremony and Leadership Pledge. This year, the COW committee consisting of Lew Derfuss, Glenn Hunter, Randy McCormick and the FCs have secured the USCG TRACEN Petaluma to host the event. The USCG Culinary Services team will serve up Steak and Lobster and a custom decorated cake. The team has put many hours into the planning and preparations.
5. **2022 - OPTREX 2022** – Lew Derfuss and his entire team produced another highly successful OPTREX. A lot of planning and coordination goes into an OPTREX with the end result of training and qualification of operational members. Whether it was coordination with Station Vallejo with AUC Glenn Hunter, securing COMS during the event, food/drink provisions being made available, Facility Assignments, coordination with the Vallejo Marina staff and the coordination with the QE coordinator and staff, all takes many hours of time, documentation, training and execution by the dedicated team.
6. **Can we do the monthly meeting better?** – At the January Div. 5 meeting, there was a challenge on how to make the meeting more efficient and effective. The committee of Division 5 leaders set out to improve the meeting and the result was much more focused meetings, reduction of one-on-one conversations (more collaborative), everyone being focused more purposeful and of course a much shorter meeting. Excellent work by all.
7. **BRAVO ZULU:**
 - All the leaders who chaired and/or supported the Committees in 2022. Your work has made a difference for your shipmates.
 - Lew Derfuss for coordinating our Division’s support of Fleet Week. Div. 5 provided 3 of the 7 facilities, 9 patrols and every Div. 5 Flotilla provided personnel.
 - SARDOG II and the operational team in support of the 2022 Ironman.
 - Bob Bain, VCDR – Excellent job for completely running the Division 5 November meeting end-to-end.


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	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.com	DIV 5
	1	Boat America Class	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	FL53
	6	Div. 5 Election	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.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.uscgaux@gmail.com	FL51
	15	Flotilla 52 Meeting and Elections	Dan Glenn	dguscgaux@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_uscgaux@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).

Complete Survey: Note – For the verbatim “Less Discrimination.” This was determined to be related to being fully COVID vaccinated.



Div. 5 - Flotilla
Member Survey Repo

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