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SIERRA DIVISION 11 COMMANDER'S REPORT

TO: DCO Curtis Han, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
DATE: April 2023 REPORT
DIVISION: Sierra Division 11
DCDR: Guy D Chism DCDR

HIGHLIGHTS:

Both Flotillas are now open for business and have had at least 1 in person meeting in the past 2 months. Congrats to Tahoe Flotilla for having their first in person meeting this past week at Station Tahoe. We are slowly waking up from this nightmarish amount of snow, wind, rain and ice.

Division Meeting to be held April 24th Zoom Invitations sent
Division Meeting to be held in Person May 22 at 7:00 pm PF Chang's Restaurant Reno Nevada. Dinner Provided.

Members of Reno Flotilla: Roger Haynes, Scott Schmidt and Harmon Lyzenga all met at his home in Minden Nevada to tear down the motor and rebuild Roger Haynes facility boat. Educational expertise and a good time was had by all.

DETAILS:

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North Lake Tahoe Flotilla 11-01

Last Flotilla Meeting in Person and Zoom. In person going forward

Reno Flotilla 11-03

In Person Meeting Elks Lodge Reno April 17, 2023. In Person going forward

PROJECTS:

1. Coffee with the Commander program has begun. Emphasis on knowing all current members and exploring new ways to recruit new members. Have been deeply enriched getting to know our team.
2. We have 3 recruits filing out paperwork and making final preparations to join.
3. Full Optrex being planned for August 25-26 for Lake Tahoe. On District Calendar
4. Sea Scouts Lake Tahoe Training July 9th-14th Station Lake Tahoe. We need safety boats as well as folks familiar with paddle boarding. If you are interested in volunteering to assist in the training event please contact Mark Ports directly 775-934-4672.

CHALLENGES / OBSTACLES / OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Given our short boating season we are full steam ahead to maintain member competency for boat crew and coxswains. We have 3 members currently getting themselves requalified and off inactive status. We should see water levels rise in May with Spring Run Off so Lahontan Reservoir should be back online towards the end of the summer if not sooner.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Northern Nevada Business Weekly ran the following ad in 2018. Looking to see if we can run an updated version of this ad in all local newspapers and journals. Consulting district on protocol.
<https://www.nnbw.com/news/2018/may/24/lake-tahoe-coast-guard-auxiliary-looking-for-membe/>

GOALS OF DIVISION 11:

- Build a deeper “bench” of capable leaders so we don’t have to recycle candidates as often as we have done in the past.
- Build relationships with flotilla members coming from Flotilla 11-04 to the gaining flotillas.
- Goal for every member to qualify as Vessel Examiners. Emphasis on being actively engaged with the boating community.
- Goal to fully support Station Tahoe with Aux Staff. We have 5 interested and beginning qualification for watch standing.
- We also have a 5 star casino chef interested in membership and joining the culinary program to support Station Tahoe.

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