



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



To: Curtis Han, Commodore

Date: April 2023

From: Bill Ross, Division 7 Commander

Division: 113-07 Utah

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Division Training and Planning Zoom Meeting
2. Progress with FC for Flotilla 7-6
3. Flotilla interaction in projects
4. Socialization

DETAILS:

1. April 22, 2023 will be the first of two of our Division quarterly training and planning meetings to address major issues.
 - a. Specifically, we will have only five facilities available for patrol operations in the Division.
 - b. We will have a very limited number of coxswains and crew members available.
 - c. The 4 patrols per facility directive essentially cuts our operations in half. This represents a serious conflict with the utilization of two state owned facilities.
 - d. Attrition continues to be a problem. Flotilla 7-3 will lose five members this year.
2. Flotilla 7-6 has been without a FC since January 2023.
 - a. A member has indicated his willingness to be appointed FC.
 - b. However, to qualify he needs to complete IS 100 and IS 800 plus a leadership course.
 - c. Carl Henning IPFC is working closely with the flotilla and the candidate.
3. Flotilla 7-3 and 7-8 are working on projects together.
 - a. FC Lana Visser, Flotilla 7-8, has been very well organized in the flotilla meetings.
 - b. FC Visser and FC John-Michael Zimmerle, Flotilla 7-3, have been coordinating several PA events.
 - c. March 25, FC Visser coordinated the participation in the display and interaction at the Salt Lake County Kids Fair. Members from Flotilla 7-3 were involved.

4. April 8th, members of Flotilla 7-3 participate with DNR Rangers to perform VE's for boat owner leasing slips at the Utah Lake harbor.
5. A Division Cinco de Mayo Potluck social is planned for May 6th.

PROJECTS:

1. April 25, April 27, May 2 and May 4 Flotilla 7-3 is participating in the Utah Lake Commission field trip for several hundred fourth grade school children. Flotillas 7-3 and 7-8 are presenting water safety training.
2. April 15 Flotilla 7-3 members Paul Custance, FC Zimmerle and DCDR Ross are teaching a Boat America safe boating class at Utah Lake State Park.
3. National Safe Boating Week events include May 20 the Paddle Fest competition which will have a paddleboard race from Lincoln Beach to the American Fork Harbor Members of Flotilla 7-3 and 7-8 will be conducting VE's. An information booth will be at the American Fork harbor.
4. Efforts are being made to participate in the Parks on the Air radio communication and PA event May 3rd at the Utah Lake State Park.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES:

1. District interaction is required for resolution of issue of the transfer of PPE equipment for the member transferring from Washington,
2. Modification of the four patrols per month per facility needs to be addressed.
3. Lack of a comprehensive recruiting plan

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Flotilla 7-3 continues to have an excellent relationship with the Park Range at Utah Lake State Park.
2. Tony and Ann Zocchi continue to have an excellent relationship with Park Rangers at Willard Bay State Park.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The Division goals will be developed by the Division and Flotilla leadership at our Division Training and Planning meetings.