



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



District Eleven North Region DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

To: Curtis Han, Commodore
Division 5 report to District 11N

Date: 5/17/23

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Awards and recognition
2. Committee progress
3. Flotilla Goals

DETAILS

1. Division Changes and Updates
 - Robert Gleason transferred to Division 10 due to geographic distance. Gleason was the SO-MA, and SO-CS.
 - Steve Johnson was sworn in as SO-MA to replace the position vacated by Robert Gleason.
 - Unit Coordinator for TRACEN, Petaluma - Jeff Tuttle's name submitted for approval.
 - Jim Losi asked for candidates for the Auxiliary culinary mission. The names of three auxiliaries submitted for enrollment in a CA PQS program.
 - Mini Dtrain scheduled for June 17 at Coast Guard Island. A door prize valued at \$50 will be donated.
 - Mark Waters has resigned as Flotilla Commander for 53. Lew Derfuss or Morgan Curtis to be sworn in as Mark's replacement pending 53 special election results
 - Flotilla 51 is in jeopardy until replacements can be made to key staff positions to replace members (Minkel and Sargent) standing down at the end of 2023. Discussions pending to solve this issue..
2. Awards
 - Hunter presented Hurley with a letter of appreciation from the US Rowing Association for assisting with the regatta event.
3. Operations and Optrex Committee
 - Optrex weekend slated for Friday June 2 and Saturday June 3.
 - Four vessels are available for 9 candidates.
 - A flyer and invitation sent to all Division 5 members to attend a division BBQ midday Saturday
 - Station Vallejo no longer has an active-duty Watch Stander due to the reduction in personnel. Sector SF will be controlling the communications
4. Change of Watch Committee
 - The COW committee reviewed 6 sites and selected the Chardonnay Club in Napa.
 - Bain asked the staff to consider charging \$40 per Auxiliary member for the lunch and the division will pay the difference. (\$16 per person). Members voiced their concern about using the money from the current division budget. A final recommendation to be made at the June meeting regarding the per person price.
 - A \$1,000 deposit approved and is and was submitted to DIRAUX Legal Department for approval.
5. National Safe Boating Week (May 20-26) Committee
 - No Change from April report
 - May 20th Opening Day at the Straight at Benicia Yacht Club. Uniform of the day, ODU



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6. Fleet Week Committee

- No discussion for April

7. Awards Committee

- The 2023 Awards Committee will consist of Randy McCormick, Lew Derfuss, Glenn Hunter and Tom Sarnicola.
- Derfuss and McCormick to engrave the award for individual winners.
- Perpetual award honorees due in September.
- Station Vallejo will allow Auxiliary trophies to be displayed in the current case. Additional cases may be added pending the Chief's approval. Bain will deliver the Flotilla 57 award to Hunter for display at the station.

8. Flotilla Goals

- An article for publication in Latitude 38 and also the Bay and Delta Yachtsman magazines has been identified and approved for reprint from The Navigator magazine. This is on hold until a finalized update version of the article has passed acceptance by the author, The Navigator, and district approvals from publications and legal.
- Flotilla Succession planning for elected offices remains the same as reported in April.
 - 51,52 and 55 feel confident with a 2024 plan
 - 53 is in need of finding a successor.

	Flotilla 51 - Ron Nathan	Flotilla 52 - Dan Glenn	Flotilla 53 - Mark Waters	Flotilla 55 - Jimmy Matthies
Goal 1	Increase Mtg. Attendance	Increase patrols MOM	Public Education blitz	Increase PA & VE events/visits
Goal 2	Recruit younger members	Grow VSC Program	VE Campaigns	Activities with Stn. Bodega Bay
Goal 3	Fill staff positions	Increase boating safety classes	Republish flotilla newsletters	Form idea committee

PHOTOS

None for this month