



# United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

*District Eleven North Region*  
DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT



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

Date: 6/17/23

## HIGHLIGHTS

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

## DETAILS

1. Division Changes and Updates
  - 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. A new flotilla commander will be elected June 20.
  - Flotilla 51 staff positions are in discussion to replace members (Minkel and Sargent) standing down at the end of 2023.
  - Coastal Cleanup is scheduled at Coast Guard Island on June 24th.
  - Deadline June 15 to register for 'C' school classes are offered at N Train.
  - MOU's – Jimmy Matthies will investigate seeing if a MOU is available with Lake Sonoma officials.
  - The Port Chicago memorial is scheduled for July 15. See Mike Smit, Flotilla 52, for details and to register their names prior to admission to the event.
  - Instructor training sessions are scheduled for June.
  - Steve Johnson - Sea Scouts had 20 ships for their regatta event at Cal Maritime. He completed the PPE inventory. He will send the inventory report to each flotilla.
  - Tom Hurley - The deadline is June 2023 for receiving vessel exam decals for 2024. He has decals to give to members based upon AuxData2 totals.
  - Glenn Hunter - SF Sector is on radio guard instead of Station Vallejo due to a reduction of personnel. He attended a farewell event at the station who are being transferred to different duty stations. Station Vallejo is seeking a donation of sports equipment which Glenn recently purchased.
  - Tom Hurley met the Pittsburg Marina manager who asks for assistance for the July 4th event
  - Ray Tanaka is an employee of Solano College campus Vallejo and offered to host the Division meetings there so that the on-line communication link is more reliable than what is being used at the current Vallejo Yacht Club. This is pending contractual review.
2. Awards
  - Members who served at the Southwest border, including Kit Galvin and Randy McCormick of Flotilla 53, received the USCG Auxiliary Special Operations Ribbon.
3. Operations and Optrex Committee
  - Optrex weekend June 2-3 for nine auxiliarists.
  - Coxswain requals included Michael Hay and Ingemar Olssen.
  - Boat Crew requals included Stephen Kilgariff, Bill Malloy, Ron Nathan, Giovanni Bacigalupi, Robert Gleason, Roger Haynes, Bard Manasager and Randy Saxe.
  - QE provided by BOSN Perez, Angelo Perata, Anita Farnholtz, Wayne Farnholtz, and Jim Losi.



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- Facilities used were Randy McCormick's Kokua II, Bill Malloy's Bucket List and Tom Hurley's Audrey L. Lew Derfuss' SAR DOG II had to stand down after experiencing fuel pump issues.
  - A division fellowship BBQ was held at noon for all in attendance.
4. Change of Watch Committee
    - The contract for our COW Chardonnay Club in Napa has been reviewed and accepted by legal, and has been signed by both parties, and a deposit made.
    - Pricing per person is still not set with details to follow.
  5. National Safe Boating Week: Glenn Hunter presented a proclamation at the City of Vallejo City Council.
  6. Fleet Week Committee - No discussion for June with all attention being focused on the Division 5 OPTREX.
  7. Awards Committee – No change from May.
    - The 2023 Awards Committee will consist of Randy McCormick, Lew Derfuss and Tom Sarnicola.
    - Derfuss and McCormick to engrave the award for individual winners.
    - Perpetual award honorees due in September.
    - The Flotilla 57 flag case was placed in the Station Vallejo trophy case.
  8. Flotilla Goals
    - Flotilla Succession planning for elected offices remains the same as reported in April.
    - Flotilla 51: Nathan: Report on file. The flotilla needs an FSO-FN to replace J. Minkel. There is no FSO-CS & IS officers.
    - 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