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District Eleven Northern Region DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT – 113-03

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Subj: DIVISION 3 REPORT: Month ending 30 June 2023

Highlights/"3 ups"

- Regional Safety Day, Elk Grove
- MS/MEP training; Uninspected Passenger Vessel (UPV) exam
- Paddle Clean & Safe PA event
- Naval Sea Cadet training

Details

- Flotilla 3-10 members **Jeff Fite**, **Joseph Heap** and **Rol Santos** staffed a PA booth at the Elk Grove Regional Safety Day. Contacts were made with approx. 100 children and 150 adults. CGSTA Rio Vista trailered a RBS-29 for static display.
- **Jeff Fite** hosted a MS/MEP qualification workshop for 15 members held at CGSTA Rio Vista; and also conducted a UPV exam in Discovery Bay along with trainee **Larry Stanton**.
- Another Paddle Safe & Clean event was held by **Jeff Fite** and **Joseph Heap** at both Cosumnes River Preserve and Lodi Lake. A total of 26 adults and 14 children were provided safety information.
- A 5-day Boating Skills & Seamanship class was held for the Naval Sea Cadets attending a week long resident Advanced Training academy in Antioch. Cadets were offered numerous classes to attend. Of the 100+ cadets attending the academy, only 6 were in the Seamanship class; all passed the final exam. Auxiliary instructors included: **Don Anderson**, **Richard Celia**, **Georgie Scheuerman**, **Linda Haynes**, **Lew Derfuss**, **John Hardin** and **Steve Harrison**. Also part of the instructor cadre was an active duty Navy Lieutenant Austyn Sutton. Midway thru the weeks training, a field trip was made to CGSTA Rio Vista, the Vallejo Naval an Historical Museum, and Marine Ocean Terminal Concord (MOTCO), formerly known as Port Chicago or the Concord Naval Weapons Station. (See attached photos)

Projects

- SAREX in San Joaquin delta on 18 July will be held at CGSTA Rio Vista.
- A Weekend Navigator virtual class is scheduled to begin 20 September for 6 evenings once a week

Challenges/Obstacles/Opportunities

- Retrieving issued PPE from non-active members and submitting assigned inventories
- Repair and future use of “Coastie” at PA events
- Re-engaging inactive members
- Increasing division membership and interest in leadership positions; increasing AUX FAC

Agency Interaction

- Continue to work closely with CGSTA Rio Vista, Naval Sea Cadets
- SO-OP John Hardin continues to work with CGSTA Rio Vista, W. Sacramento PD, Sacramento Sheriff and local marine enforcement agencies during recent storms in Sacramento region and boats adrift
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Goals and Objectives

- Emphasis on recruiting, retention and re-involvement.
- Present training in leadership and program specific areas.
- Improve member participation and increase membership.

Photos:

Photos. (All photos taken by Naval Sea Cadet adult leader Shannon Ward)



Naval Sea Cadet students



Cadets with AUX instructors Derfuss, Celia, Anderson



Cadets RBS-29 ride-along



AUX Harrison briefs cadets on watchstanding



AUX Scheuerman teaches navigation to cadets



AUX Hardin instructs cadets on line handling

