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MEMORANDUM

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Highlights

1. Division 1 OPEX
2. Tours USCGC Alder, Sector Command Center, VTS, sponsored by 01-09
3. Surface Operations

Details

1. **Division 1 OPEX** - This training event was held on Sat, 29 Jul 2023 at Station SF, YBI and included 3 Auxiliary facilities (Servant/Jim Lost, Silver Charm/Terry Blanchard, and 76/Bruce Martin) and one CG 29 RBS. All annual task maintenance requirements were addressed with emphasis on towing evolutions. In total, 10 current coxswains/boat crew members and 6 boat crew trainees participated in on the water alongside 4 Station SF Coast Guardsmen. Shore-side communications support was provided by 3 TCOs and two trainees. Special thanks to Station SF, event organizer SO-OP Nancy Marion as well as boat crew mentors COMO Mary Kirkwood 01-14, FC Arne Gelb 01-09 and Cassandra Mani 01-02
2. **Sector Tours** - In lieu of their usual meeting, Flotilla 01-09 held their monthly meeting and fellowship event at Sector SF on 5 Aug 2023. Tours of the USCG Alder, Command Center and VTS were given for ~20 Auxiliarists in attendance. BZ to Gary Kaplan for organizing.
3. **Surface Operations** - OPFAC Silver Charm (01-09) continues routine MOM and PATON missions. Patrols continue to incorporate annual task currency maintenance training when able.

Projects

1. **Vessel Safety Checks** - Division 1 year-to-date total: 75 logged AD2 (up from 71 prior)
2. **PPE Tracking** - Div 1 PPE inventory documentation completed/submitted to DIRAUX
3. **Annual Currency Training/Night Operations** - Strategically incorporated for efficiency during routine MOM, NAV and Regatta patrols when able
4. **Website Revision** - In need of project lead
5. **AUXDATA II Training**: Ongoing
6. **Division 1 Newsletter** - [The Nautical Mile, Vol 1, Issue 5](#), following a summer break, our electronic newsletter set to resume in August.

Challenges and Obstacles

1. Low recruitment of new members
2. Decreased member involvement persists following COVID stand-down

Goals and Objectives

1. "SMART" goals current standing:
 - A. Public Outreach
 - Water Safety Fair - **Completed** 20 May 2023
 - BS&S Class - **Completed** 9 March 2023 with Fall 2023 class scheduled 12 Sept -17 Oct
 - Mavericks Surf Festival - **Pending if requested to assist** (Oct 2023)
 - B. Training
 - OPEX - **Completed** 29 July 2023
 - Night operations & currency maintenance tasks - **Continuing**
 - C. Operations
 - Surface patrols (MOM, Regatta, PATON) - **Ongoing**
 - D. Recruitment & Retention
 - NACO 3 Star Award - **Received**, 8 Apr 2023
 - Fellowship- **Continuing activities** (mostly at Flotilla level)
 - Member goals - **Ongoing** mentor program
 - USCG Auxiliary recruitment - **Ongoing** (current Div 1 members: 168, up from 166 prior)

Photos

Division 113-01 OPEX 29 Jul 2023 at STA SF



OPFAC 76. From left: Chris Armrest 01-04, Crew Mentor Cassandra Mani 01-02, Catherine Cornejo 01-04, Jose Rossi 01-04, COX Bruce Martin 11-01. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by COMO Mary Kirkwood



OPFAC Servant. From left: Morgan Swiggett 12-91, Mike DiBella 12-01, Greg Olson 12-91 and COX Jim Losi 12-91. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by COMO Mary Kirkwood



OPFAC Silver Charm. From left: Adrienne Kuehneman 12-01, Nancy Peterson 01-09, COMO Dale Fajardo 01-09, Crew Mentor FC Arne Gelb, 01-09. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by COMO Mary Kirkwood



AUXCOM Team. From left: TCO Kevin Luke 01-04, TCO Trainee John Foley 01-02, TCO Trainee Jason Sloan 01-04, DDCO-CM Carol Paz. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by TCO VFC Alfonso Faustino 01-02

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