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

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Subj: DIVISION 3 REPORT: Month ending 31 August 2023

Highlights/"3 ups"

- SAREX with CGSTA Rio Vista
- Boat crew and coxswain training continues
- All bridge and PATON surveys completed
- Weekend Navigator and Boat America classes scheduled
- California Capital Airshow

Details

- The SAREX was held with CGSTA Rio Vista on 07 September. A total of 28 auxiliary members from both Division 3 and 5 participated, as well as 4 AUXFAC surface vessels and 1 AUXAIR. The training exercise was judged a tremendous success as all search objects were located and retrieved. And, there were no mishaps reported.
- Boat crew and coxswain training continues at the Sacramento Yacht Club and on the Sacramento River with 6 trainees. Instructors providing the training are: John Hardin, Doug MacPherson, Jeff Fite and Greg VanKoersel.
- All assigned bridge surveys (27) and (32) PATONS have been completed. Also, (7) non-permitted PATONS were located and reported.
- A "Weekend Navigator" class is scheduled to begin on 20 September for 6 consecutive weeks, one virtual meeting weekly. Currently there are 14 Auxiliary members, 5 civilians and 1 Army Corps of Engineers Ranger registered. Also, a "Boat America" class will be held at the Sacramento Marina on 14 October 2023.
- Both CG Air Station Sacramento and San Francisco withdrew from the California Capital Airshow, therefore the Active Duty recruiter canceled his participation. Subsequently, the Auxiliary lost a PA opportunity and will not attend.

Projects

- A Weekend Navigator virtual class is scheduled to begin **20 September** for 6 evenings once a week. Instructors include: Doug MacPherson, Don Anderson, and Greg VanKoersel. Boat America PE class on 14 October.
- A beach clean-up is scheduled for **21 October** at the Freeport Bridge.

- Bow Wow Days on 24 September in Orangevale.

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

- Army Corps of Engineers, Englebright Lake. VSC event scheduled for **02 September**
- SO-OP John Hardin continues to work with CGSTA Rio Vista, W. Sacramento PD

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:



SAREX Partipants. AUX photo



SRU “Side Kick” locating and recovering objects in Franks Tract. AUX photo

