



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

District Eleven North Region
DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT



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

Date: 8/15/23

HIGHLIGHTS

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

DETAILS

- Division Changes and Updates
 - 2023 Elected Officer nominations - Began the selection process for Commander and Vice Commander to serve in 2024. Two members have submitted their intent to run.
 - Lew Derfuss has been elected as FC for 53 for the remainder of 2023.
 - Flotilla 51 staff positions are in discussion to replace members (Minkel and Sargent) standing down at the end of 2023. This remains unchanged from last month.
 - MOU's – Jimmy Matthies will investigate seeing if a MOU is available with Lake Sonoma officials. We are still waiting for a response. This is unchanged from last month
 - The Port Chicago memorial is scheduled for July 15. See Mike Smith, Flotilla 52, for details and to register their names prior to admission to the 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. I have asked Ray to send a copy of the existing agreement with the college so that I can pass the document by legal.
 - July 4, 2023 – Napa 4th of July Street Parade. Sta Vallejo RBS29' and crew participated with the Auxiliary.
 - July 15, 2023 – Port Chicago Memorial Event. Sta Vallejo participated by having an RBS29' vessel and crew visit area outside Port Chicago during ceremony. Hunter read names of USCG shipmates who lost their lives and were injured during the 1944 disaster.
 - July 24, 2023 – Helo OPS Classroom and field training was coordinated by ME1 Brosowsky with Sector SF, DIRAUX OTO Perez and Air Sta SF.
 - July 13, 2023 - Flotilla 55 – Fifteen-person volunteer group doing a Marina coastal cleanup along SF Marina coastline, collecting 20 pounds of trash.
 - July 18, 2023 - Flotilla 55 – youthful group from the Zero Wse SV organization promoting safe oil dumping where we supplied maps of bay and delta dump locations.
 - July 24, 2023 - Helo-Ops training at Station Vallejo. Tom Hurley is the coxswain of Audrey L.
 - Audrey L and crew have successfully performed several 2-boat Helo OPS Standby SAR missions in June and July 2023
 - Audrey L has been inspected and approved, by Sta Vallejo Coxswains, as a safe platform for the Helo OPS missions.
 - Tom "rode along" with the OPS Officer on a 29'RBS vessel on a Helo OPS mission to observe and receive training.



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- Operations and Optrex Committee
 - Optrex completed June 2-3 for nine auxiliaries.
- 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.
 - Invitations have been sent to COW special guests from DIRAUX, Coast Guard Stations and Sector San Francisco.
- National Safe Boating Week: No activity since we are dark for July.
- Fleet Week Committee: - No activity since we are dark for July.
- Awards Committee – No change from June.
 - 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.
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 - Change of Watch committee will meet September 9. Received approval from DIRAUX legal department to have Division 5 supplement the cost of the event out of Division funds. Division funds can only be used for Auxiliary activities National Safe Boating Week: No activity since we are dark for July.
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- Flotilla Goals

	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