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## MEMORANDUM

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To: COMO Curtis S. Han  
District Commodore, D11NR

Subj: DIVISION 1 REPORT, Oct 2023

Ref: (a) [The Nautical Mile, Vol 1, Issue 7, September 2023](#)

Ref: (b and c) [Fleet Week 2023 \(R. Bazeley\)](#) and [Fleet Week 2023 \(Tiffany Townsend\)](#) (see Photos)

### Highlights

1. Fleet Week
2. Division 1 and Flotilla Leadership planning
3. Operations

### Details

1. **Fleet Week** - Many of our Div 1 members participated in fleet week. **Communications** - 01-02: A. Faustino. 01-04: C. Paz. 01-07: D. Thorsson. 01-09: D. Fajardo. **Safety Officers/George Cobb** - 01-04: N. Marion. 01-07 A. Rugo. **AUX Line Management Office** - 01-04: A. Bennett. **Boat Crew** - 01-02: P. Gorenberg, P. Shamray, T. Townsend. 01-04: S. Bustin, M. Kirkwood, K. Louie, N. Marion, L. Sarto. 01-09: T. Blanchard.
2. **Division Planning** - Division COW is 27 Jan 2024 at Berkeley YC. Division 1 elections were 27 Sept 2023 with the incumbent DCDR and VCDR re-elected. Flotilla elections for 01-02 and 01-04 are done and their respective FC and VFC will again serve in 2024. Flotillas 01-07 and 01-09 elections are upcoming.
3. **Operations** - Silver Charm/Cox Blanchard continues Helo-Ops patrols (last 12 Oct). Seahorse/Cox Shamray completed a PATON patrol (9 Sept). OPTREX planning for 2024 will be reviewed at the upcoming Div 1 monthly meeting on 25 Oct with the goal of setting two tentative dates to be submitted to Station SF for consideration/approval.

### Projects

1. **Interagency Guests** - The Division 1 Sept monthly ZOOM meeting featured guest speaker Station Officer Andrew Murgatroyd of HMCG Coastal Rescue Team at Llandudno, UK (Wales). HMCG coordinates all maritime SAR operations in the UK covering over 11,000 miles of coastline. Coastguard rescue officers are volunteers trained to provide cliff, mud, and water rescues in all weather conditions, responding to over 36,000 incidents yearly. Additionally, HMCG monitors vessel traffic, responds to environmental emergencies, and provides wreck, royal fish, and other salvage on behalf of His Majesty The King. The HMCG recently celebrated 200 years of saving lives. See [HMCG 200th anniversary](#).
2. **Vessel Safety Checks** - Year-to-date total: 84 logged (35 first time, 23 high focus) as of Oct AD2 (up from 76 prior)
3. **PPE Tracking** - PPE inventory documentation completed / submitted to DIRAUX
4. **Annual Currency Training/Night Operations** - Ongoing with majority of boat crew members having completed their task training.
5. **AUXDATA II Training**: Ongoing
6. **Division 1 Newsletter** - [The Nautical Mile, Vol 1, Issue 7, September 2023](#)

### Challenges and Obstacles

1. Annual recruitment of new members remains difficult. However, there has been a noticeable increase in guests at flotilla meetings who are considering applications.
2. Decreased member involvement in several core Aux areas persists
3. Division website revision in need of project lead

### Goals and Objectives

1. "SMART" goals current standing:
  - A. Public Outreach
    - Water Safety Fair - **Completed** 20 May 2023
    - BS&S Classes - **Completed** 9 March 2023 and more recently 12 Sept -12 Oct
    - Mavericks Surf Festival - currently deferred
  - B. Training
    - OPEX - **Completed** 29 July 2023
    - Night operations & currency maintenance tasks - Ongoing / most completed
  - C. Operations
    - Surface patrols (MOM, Regatta, PATON) as well as Communications - Ongoing.
  - D. Recruitment & Retention
    - NACO 3 Star Award - **Received**, 8 Apr 2023
    - Fellowship - Ongoing. Several Div 1 members met at the Sausalito Boat Show on Saturday, 14 October to view the boats and for a BBQ.
    - Member goals - Ongoing mentor program with several new members completing initial application process.
    - USCG Auxiliary recruitment - Ongoing (current Div 1 members: 167 per AD2 as of Oct 2023, no change since last month)

Photos



SAN FRANCISCO — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary crewmembers of Operational Facility Silver Charm patrol aboard the red tarp boat during San Francisco Fleet Week on Sunday, October 8, 2023. Pilots utilize these brightly colored reference points to visually maintain their locations over the San Francisco Bay while conducting high speed aerial maneuvers. Coast Guard Auxiliarists join local first responders in providing perimeter support during the air show, creating a safety zone on the water restricting recreational and commercial vessel traffic. Participating agencies maintain a safety perimeter around a two by one-half nautical mile area while four Auxiliary tarp boats and a Coast Guard cutter are tasked with holding station, providing surface visual ranges for all aircraft. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by Tiffany Townsend)

**For more photos see links:**

[Fleet Week 2023 Photos -FACEBOOK \(U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by Roger Bazeley}](#)  
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