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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 September 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
- VSC's/PV's/ UPVE's and Dockwalker

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. The planning team consisted of Pete Hnat, Doug MacPherson, Steve Harrison, Larry Stanton, Rod Rodriguez, John Hardin and Don Anderson.
- 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 began on 20 September for 6 consecutive weeks, one virtual meeting weekly. There are 14 Auxiliary members and 5 civilians registered. Also, a "Boat America" class was held at the Sacramento Marina on 14 October 2023.
- The division members performed a total of 17 VSC's at Englebright Lake, Granite Bay and the Cosumnes River Preserve; and 11 Program Visits, 2 UPVE's and distributed 15 Dockwalker Kits throughout the division,

Projects

- A Weekend Navigator virtual class is underway starting on **20 September** for 6 evenings once a week. Instructors include: Doug MacPherson, Don Anderson, and Greg VanKoersel. Boat America PE class was held on 14 October at the Sacramento Marina.

- A beach clean-up is scheduled by Flotilla 3-10 for **21 October** at the Freeport Bridge followed by a flotilla BBQ and election.

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 held on **02 September**.
- SO-OP John Hardin continues to work with CGSTA Rio Vista, W. Sacramento PD.
- Two-boat training continues with CGSTA Rio Vista and AUXFAC “Side Kick” with coxswain John Hardin,

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

