



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



District Eleven North Region DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

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

Date: 10/18/23

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Division Changes and Updates
2. Committee progress
3. Flotilla Goals

DETAILS

Elections

- 2023 Elected Officer nominations – Randy McCormick elected to Division 5 Commander, and Kit Galvin elected to Vice Division Commander.
- DCOS Jim Losi was in attendance to certify our election results.
- Flotilla 51 – Election held 10/12: Tom Hurley elected Commander; Ron Nathan elected VFC.
- Flotilla 52 – election is slated for 10/21
- Flotilla 53 – election is slated for 10/19
- Flotilla 55 – election held 10/10: Jimmy Matthies reelected Commander; Thomas Herbst reelected VFC.

Marine Safety

- 51 Vessel exams completed through a combined effort from all four flotillas.

Operations

- AUDREY L continues to support Air Ops on Thursday s after hours. Thanks to the outstanding performance from members of both Flotilla 5-1 and others we have been able to complete training and now relieve Station Vallejo from this task to pursue other duties.
- BRAVO ZULU!! to the crews supporting Helo OPS Tom Hurley, John Albrecht, Lew Derfuss, Bill Malloy, Randy McCormick, Morgan Curtis, Larry Kubo, Kit Galvin, Mike Hay, along with Trainees Luciano Salzano and Mary Kraybill. Truly a division 5 Team Effort. We also added two more vessels to those inspected and authorized to perform Helo OPS Standby—Bucket List and KOKUA II, bring the total up to 3 approved.
- We supplied 2 vessels for Rio Vista SAREX which was rescheduled for 7 Sept.
- SAR DOG II performed two patrols—a night patrol on SF Bay on 11 Sep and verified 25 PATONS and provided two boat support for Sta. Rio Vista on 14 Sept.
- One Helo Ops mission was redirected a SAR case looking for a sailboat that had lost its direction and wound up in the shallows of San Pablo Bay near Hwy 37. It took 3.5 hours to locate this wayward sailor but couldn't get close enough due to restricted draft and nighttime visibility restrictions. This proved valuable training in navigation, plotting, and communications in trying to locate a vessel.
- The second Helo Ops mission was cancelled since both Air Sta SF helos were actively involved in SAR Missions. During a morning SAR training for the Coast Guard out of Vallejo Audre L played the boat in distress. Lat and Long reading were given to the CG to locate. When the CG found our vessel, we practiced side tows, MOB, and stern tows. The crew involved were Tom Hurley, John Albrecht, Luciano Salzano, Ron Nathan, and Jim Matthies. With the evening Helo op cancelled, we took the opportunity to practice and help the two trainees get parts of their manuals checked off. We practiced night MOB, navigation, coarse steering, docking, etc. The crew was Tom Hurley, John Albrecht, Lew Derfuss, Luciano Salzano and Mary



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Kraybill. It was a good solid night of education. We once again learned how fast ships can show up. This gives weight to the importance of standing watch.

Public Education

- Mike Smith for organized a 2 hour “Suddenly In Command” class at the Benicia Yacht Club. Flotilla 52 received approximately \$200. 17 students attended.

Change of Watch Committee

- 7 Attendance confirmations received from the USCG, six of who will be bringing a guest. Of these seven, six will either speak or provide comments.
- 3 Attendance confirmations received for Auxiliary District 113 VIP guests.
- 22 Attendance confirmations received by Division Auxiliary members.
- Total paid entry RSVP’s received for a total of 35 paying guest as of 10/15/2023.

Fleet Week Committee:

- Division 5 participated in October 4-9 event with four facilities provided: SARDOG ii, KOKUA II, Bucket List and Great White.

Awards Committee – No change from June.

- Perpetual awards are being returned to the Awards Committee in October for etching names of 2023 awardees. Awards will be chosen based on newly adopted bylaws addenda.
- We are stressing the importance to all division members for recording information into AUXDATA to receive credit towards performance awards.

Flotilla Goals

- Achieving Flotilla goals has been a challenge throughout 2023. Many remain incomplete.
- Challenges to accomplishing goals has been influenced by a lack of membership participation in staff positions, both elected and appointed.
- Revitalizing Flotilla membership is a long-term and necessary process to include mentoring, MT classes, recruiting, PA events, and fellowship.
- Flotillas will be reevaluating 2023 goals and assessing needs for goal fulfillment in 2024.

	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