



**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
DISTRICT 11 NORTH REGION
DIVISION 7 COMMANDERS REPORT**



**To: Curtis Han, Commodore
Jim Losi, District Chief of Staff
District 11 North Board & Staff**

**Date: October 16, 2023
From: Bill Ross, Division Commander
Division: 113-07 Utah**

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Coastie and Trailer arrive in Utah
2. Training for Coastie Operators or Transporters
3. Utah Boat Show Earlier This Year
4. Division Elections Results
5. Utah Lake 4th Grade Field Trip
6. One Flotilla Election Remaining
7. COW Scheduled

Details

1. Following the PCA Fair, John Michael Zimmerle transported the Coastie and trailer from the Bay area to Utah. We are very excited to have this device available for PA events.
2. We have six people interested in being trained and certified as Coastie operators, some of whom do not have vehicles capable of towing the trailer. We also have three individuals who have vehicles capable of transporting the Coastie trailer but do not want to be operators.
3. This year the Utah Boat Show is being held very early, February 1-4, 2024. We expect that it will have to highlight "Ice Fishing". The need to get our members qualified to operate the Coastie is especially important considering the February deadline.
4. The Division Election results are: Bill Ross 2nd term DCDR and John Michael Zimmerle as first term VCDR. We express our thanks to Carl Henning for his valuable service as 2023 VCDR, he chose not to run for the VCDR position. We wish him well in his endeavors next year.

5. We had 450 4th grade school children participate in the Utah Lake Field trip at the Saratoga Springs Marina. The students rotated through 15 stations learning about the lake, its ecology, native species of fishes and of course, water safety and life jackets from our Auxiliary experts Paul Custance, Lana Visser and Ammon Thompson.
6. We have on flotilla remaining to hold elections, the only candidate so far is still meeting requirements.
7. Our COW is scheduled for Saturday December 9, 2023 at the 10,000 sq ft home of our members. We are anxious to have Comm Han representing Comm McFarren who will be traveling.

PROJECTS:

1. Training for Coastie Operators starting Oct 28
2. We are starting preparations for the February 1-4, 2024 Boat Show and the use of the Coastie.
3. Final arrangements for the COW
4. Preparing budget for 2024
5. Working on acquisition of 2-wheel trailer for storage of Division materials, etc. We have eliminated the storage locker.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES:

1. Shortage of qualified coxswains and crew for the 2024 boating season
2. Shortage of facilities for the 2024 boating season
3. Recruiting

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. We have established a very strong relationship with the CO of the Utah 19th Special Forces. Com Mike Williams will be working with the CO to plan next year's parachute jump in August 2024. OTO Perez has indicated that he would like to be present to participate in the exercise.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Establish full staffing for Division and Flotillas for 2024
2. Organize members as Coastie operators
3. Recruiting Plan

End of Report