



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

District Eleven North Region DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT



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

Date: 11/15/23

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.
- Flotilla 51 – Election held 10/12: Tom Hurley elected Commander; Ron Nathan elected VFC.
- Flotilla 52 – Election held 10/21 – Erik Paananen elected Commander; Dina Paananen elected VFC.
- Flotilla 53 – Election held 10/19 – Rene Steinhauer elected Commander; Bill Malloy elected VFC.
- Flotilla 55 – Election held 10/10: Jimmy Matthies reelected Commander; Thomas Herbst reelected VFC.

Marine Safety

- 6 Vessel exams completed through a combined effort from flotillas 51 and 52.

Operations

- AUDREY L and KOKUA II continues to support Night Helo Air Ops on Thursday Nights. Thanks to the outstanding performance from many members of both Flotilla 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-3 we have been able to complete training and now relieve Station Vallejo from this task to pursue other duties.
- Fleet Week was a success. Division 5 supplied 3 of 7 AUXFACS Bucket List KOKUA II and Great White and crews, with two AUXFACS patrolling all 4 days and the other for 2 days SAR DOG II did not get on the list in time so was excluded. BRAVO ZULU to Coxswains Tom Hurley, Mike Hay, Randy McCormick, Thomas Herbst and Lew Derfuss, along with Crews Ron Nathan, Eric and Dina Paananen, John Albrecht, Larry Kubo, Frank Capurro, Bill Malloy, Morgan Curtis, Steve Kilgariff, Therese Vanwielle, Doug Twitchell, Jim Mathies We also had Trainees Alvin Curah, Randy Saxe, Mary Kraybill and Jonathan Goodhart, along with our OIC Lt Jankelow on Sunday.
- Tom Hurley has taken the lead on asking for anyone interested in attending a Boat Crew Academy at a date to be developed. This will help those interested in initial boat crew or Coxswain, as well as those due three-year requalification to prepare for QE check rides. The new standards are rigorous and preparation is key for success
- 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 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.



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Public Education

- Nothing to report for October.

Change of Watch Committee

- 7 of 7 Active Duty invited guests RSVP'd their attendance confirmations, and when including spouses, we have a total count of 12.
- To date, 45 Auxiliary members RSVP'd, and most have prepaid by check.
- Total expected attendance to be at least 58 persons.

Fleet Week Committee:

- Done for the year. Please see report under Operations

Awards Committee

- Perpetual awards were returned to the Awards Committee 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.
- Perpetual and Performance award nominees have been selected for this year's COW.

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