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MEMORANDUM

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Highlights

1. Operations and Mini-OPTREX
2. Division 1 planning/goals
3. Vessel Exams and Program Visits

Details

1. **Operations and Mini-OPTREX:** Surface patrols continue. Recent MOM patrols for OPFAC Silver Charm included: helo-ops in support of ASSF (1 FEB and 8 FEB) as well as a MOM patrol in support of a mini-OPTREX (10 FEB). This was a coordinated event with facilities and crew from Division 1 and 12. **Special thanks to QE Mark McLaughlin and QE-IT Chuck Cobery** for their hard work. **Additional thanks to the crew of OPFAC Servant** for their participation in towing evolutions which ultimately resulted in four Division 1 members maintaining their qualifications (Crew: A. Bennett 01-04 and T. Townsend 01-02, Coxswain: T. Blanchard 01-09 and P. Gorenberg 01-02). Silver Charm will next be assisting ASSF with STAN (standardization) Team training 4-15 MAR. Ongoing boat crew annual task maintenance training and PATON patrols are also being scheduled.
2. **Division Planning:** Our first monthly meeting for 2024 was postponed until 28 FEB due to COW being held at end of JAN. Agenda to include targeted yearly goals from a Division perspective. One of the first large scale events is expected to be the annual **Water Safety Fair** at Station Golden Gate in support of National Safe Boating Week (May), typically sponsored by FL 01-02 with assistance from our Division 1 (and D11) membership.
3. **Vessel Exams and Program Visits:** As the year gets underway, these are ramping up throughout our Division's AOR. Our goal is to qualify a minimum of 1 new VE/flotilla.

Projects

1. **Annual Currency Training/Night Operations** - Ongoing
2. **Website Revision** - Considered for 2024 (as deferred in 2023)
3. **AD2 PPE Database Entry** - Ongoing
4. **Division 1 Newsletter** - Survey still pending to assess if “The Nautical Mile”, new in 2023, is beneficial to members. If so, efforts to continue production will be implemented.

Challenges and Obstacles

1. **AUXDATA II hours entry compliance**
2. **Succession planning** remains an ongoing challenge. Flotilla 01-02 held an interim election at their FEB monthly meeting. **Alfonso Faustino** was elected as FC and **Kayla Kunze** was elected as VFC. Division 1 appreciates these two Flotilla 12 members stepping up to fill an unexpected vacancy. Also, several appointed positions FSO positions still remain unfilled. With a positive influx of new members, we hope to see this improve next year.

Goals and Objectives

1. **Advance member goals** with special emphasis on mentor assignments
2. **Increase fellowship opportunities** Aux and Gold Side
3. **Expand AUXDATA II proficiency** with continued training sessions
4. **Enhance training opportunities**, such as our “Work Smarter Initiative” during routine MOM/NAV patrols by incorporating annual TASK maintenance training
5. **Amplify USCG Auxiliary recruitment**

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