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MEMORANDUM

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To: District Commodore
District 113

Subj: DIVISION 05 COMMANDER REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

Highlights

1. Sea Scouts Engaged
2. Publications – Where have you been?
3. Is it too early?

Details

1. **Sea Scouts Engaged:** Division 5 is fully engaged with our Sea Scout partners. Flotilla 53 is rebuilding the Sea Scout program with FSO-AS Wade MacAdam completing all the required process and certifications to start the direct engagement with the AUX. Additionally, Flotilla 55 had two members (Therese Van Wiele and Jim Matthies) supporting the Sea Scout New Years Cruise Out and attending their meeting to ensure a continued tight partnership. Three members (Steve Johnson, Tom Hurley, Ron Nathan) from Flotilla 51 attended the L.E.A.D. for young leaders and supported a PA Booth to promote the Auxiliary programs.
2. **Publications – Where have you been?:** It has been many years since Division 5 had a SO-PB. This year Giovanni Bacigalupi put his hand up and vowed to make it a success. Plans are well underway to publish quarterly and the first quarter edition is off to a great start. Content is being submitted by the Division leaders along with many other resources. Gio brings wonderful writing and photography skills to the job and the publications will be an excellent vehicle to reach our members with local information in an easy to consume way.
3. **Is it too early?:** According to Kit Galvin, SO-PE, it is never too early to start boating classes. Kit has established an extensive 2024 PE program for Division 5. This year Kit has already scheduled several Boat America classes and the Division IT team has schedule other courses such as Paddle Craft, Suddenly in Command and Water Safety for Kids. A Suddenly in Command and Boat America classes have already been held with more to come in prep for the Boating Season. PE is off to a great start!

Goals

1. Create visibility for annual Div. 5 Performance Awards by publishing the available awards and publishing monthly results for each award. The result will be greater award awareness for all members and foster more competition among members.
2. Create opportunities for all Board and Staff members to participate in face-to-face meetings. Four All-Hands meetings are scheduled for a Saturday at Station Vallejo. Additionally, all member training will be provided with an emphasis in providing required Workshops at the April 6th meeting. The result will be greater B&S meeting participation, much needed training for members and Fellowship. These meetings are fashioned as a mini PCA.
3. Increase Division Value to Flotillas. VCDR will foster a much tighter relationship between SOs and their respective FSOs by coordinating open zoom session with SOs and FSOs. SOs are expected to support FSOs in their mission by providing training/guidance, mentoring and coordination of members across the Division to support an activity such as VE Blitz.

Challenges

1. Adjusting perspective of leadership and members from feeling restricted to doing now that “C” is in the mirror.
2. Understanding and being able to properly articulate Policy changes in order to equip FCs to support and champion changes as their members challenge the change.
3. As membership drops at the Flotilla level, more pressure is put upon the Division to hold Division wide events. Funding of these events by the Division is becoming difficult. New avenues of revenue need to be developed to offset the additional funding pressure.

Upcoming Events

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| FEB | 1 | Monthly Div. 5 Meeting – VYC (Kit) | Randy McCormick | randy_uscgau@att.net | DCDR |
| | 10 | Boat America – Benicia Yacht Club | Kit Galvin | twohalibut@aol.com | |
| | 10 | Steel Head Festival | Jim Matthies | jamingimy@aol.com | FL55 |
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| MAR | 1 | Div. Staff Officer Reports Due to Kit | Kit Galvin | twohalibut@aol.com | DIV 5 |
| | 7 | Monthly Div. 5 Meeting - VYC | Randy McCormick | randy_uscgau@att.net | DCDR |
| | 7-10 | Sacramento Boat Show – CAL EXPO | Don Anderson | auxdon@yahoo.com | DIV 3 |
| | 2-9 | NTRAIN – St. Louis (Invitation Only) | District | | District |
| | 9 | Boat America – Benicia Yacht Club | Kit Galvin | twohalibut@aol.com | |
| | 31 | Div. Staff Officer Reports Due to Kit | Kit Galvin | twohalibut@aol.com | DIV 5 |
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| APR | 1 | Sta. Rio Vista Boating Season Kickoff | Doug McPhearson | dwmacpherson2000@gmail.com | DIV3/DI V5 |
| | 6 | All Hands Board and Staff Meeting (Sat) All Member Training (Workshops) Loc: USCGSTA Vallejo All Board and Staff are expected to attend | Randy McCormick Glenn Hunter | randymccormick@att.net hunterglenn@att.net | Div. 5 |
| | 19-21 | DTRAIN – to be rescheduled | District | Online Registration | District |
| | 26 | Div. Staff Officer Reports Due to Kit | Kit Galvin | twohalibut@aol.com | DIV 5 |

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