



MEMORANDUM

From: Bill Ross, DCDR, 113-07 Utah

To:

- District Commodore
- District 113

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- DIVISION 0-7 COMMANDER'S REPORT – February, 2024

Highlights

1. Coastie Operator Training
2. Utah Boat Show
3. Appointed SO-FN and SO-Materials
4. Potential Boat Donation

Details

1. Five members completed the COASTIE training. John Michael Zimmerle was the instructor.
2. The Utah Boat Show was held Feb 1-4. We had very poor support from members despite the efforts of FC's contacts. A 10'X20" was donated for our use by the show operator. Prior to the event, we learned that the voice transmitter was defective. Fortunately, the manufacturer is local in Utah County and JM was able to take COASTIE for an evaluation. It was determined that the voice transmitter was defective. The manufacturer loaned us a replacement unit to use for the Boat Show.
We also discovered several operational problems, the COASTIE would not drive straight forward, it would turn left. There were other issues, the trailer hitch has some defective parts which are not standard dimensions. All of these issues are being addresses with OTO Perez.
3. I am pleased to announce that Matt Gutierrez has accepted the assignment as SO-FN. We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Ammon Thompson as SO-MA.
4. The division has a significant shortage of facilities. We are expected to provide patrols on eight major lakes in Utah. However, we only have access to three private facilities and two state boats. The challenge is that the state shops may not be able to service the state boats and release them for our use until mid-June. Therefore, we have been looking into ways to increase the number of facilities. I have purchased a 2000 Wellcraft Walkaround which I am working to be qualified as a facility.

My son, Michael Ross, is willing to donate his 25'1987 Wellcraft Walkaround with a 6-year-old all-aluminum trailer, to the division. The engine is bad but I have an identical OMC 350 engine and outdrive that I will put into my son's boat before the donation. The engine has 600 hours on it. The boat has a complete transom rebuild with glass, gelcoat and paint completed. The division has formed a committee to survey the boat, estimate the cost of any items which we do not have to complete the facility qualifications. They will also determine the cost of insurance and maintenance,

GOALS

1. Identify members willing to serve on Division Staff.
2. Bring two new vessels into facility status.
3. Work towards recruiting a 15% increased enrollment for the year.

Challenges

1. Filling essential SO positions.
2. Increasing the number of qualified Crew Members and Coxswains.
3. Getting long time members to participate in auxiliary programs

Upcoming Events

1. Utah Boat Show February 1-4
2. Youth Safety Fair March
3. Division Social Pie Day, March 14 (3.14)

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