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MEMORANDUM

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2024 Performance Metrics:

DIVISION 5 2024 PERFORMANCE as reflected in AUXDATA II April 2024			
	2024 YTD	2023	% of 2023
Surface Ops Crew	78	674	11.57%
Surface Ops Coxswain	57	478	11.92%
Public Education	21	180	11.67%
Member Training	3	81	3.70%
Public Affairs	81	798	10.15%
Marine Safety	93	655	14.20%
CG Ops Support	465	1496	31.08%
Total Hours	798	6,385	12.50%
TOTAL MISSION HOURS	4,314	25,565	16.87%
Program Visitations	108	845	12.78%
Vessel Examinations	92	504	18.25%

Highlights

1. Building Engagement (FL51)
2. Let’s do Coffee (FL52)
3. What’s the Topic? (FL53)
4. Growing OPS (FL55)
5. Station Vallejo Updates

Details

1. **Building Engagement (FL51):** FC Tom Hurley has been laser focused on growing and re-engaging members in 2024. Flotilla 51 continues to build its VE team with great success by quickly getting new members qualified and gaining public visibility to attract additional members. Additionally, bringing in speakers to his Flotilla meetings generate a new level of interest of existing members in support of re-engagement. With great success, guest speaker Cary Scott, owner of Vallejo Marine Craft Boat Works, provided everyone tremendous insight on common maintenance issues that turn into big problems on the water. There was a lot of Q&A as members found great value in the content provided.
2. **Let's do Coffee (FL52):** The question is, why do we only get together at our monthly meeting? Flotilla leaders FC Eric Paananen and VFC Dinia Paananen addressed the question by instituting "Coffee with the Commanders". Eric and Dinia are now meeting with members at their local coffee house to fellowship, mentor and train. The benefit has been improved engagement, commitment and trust between the members and leaders, and a new level of teaming between members.
3. **What's the Topic? (FL53):** Within Flotilla 53, Member Training is key to enabling its members to succeed in their chosen mission. FC Rene Steinhauer made it a priority item that every Flotilla meeting will have some form of member training. The training has been provided on an adhoc basis with the members deciding on what training topic to cover at the end of the regular meeting. Additionally, members are provided ongoing visibility of their training status and certifications. This ensures that members complete their workshops and other requirements on a timely basis.
4. **Growing OPS (FL55):** Flotilla 55 has historically been one of the most active Operations centric units in Division 5. However, highly committed ops personnel moved away and/or retired and along with that their facilities. The OPS program is critical to Station Bodega Bay in terms of crew training and qualifications. Fortunately, the OPS program is taking off again. With the addition of facility Marianne, two boat training between AUX boats can now be regularly scheduled but just as important is being able to support training requests by Active Duty. A new FSO-OP has also been appointed that can dedicate the time needed to grow the mission. Ops is a "Go" at 55.
5. **Station Vallejo Updates:** AUC Glenn Hunter continues to build trust with Station leadership and shipmates. The following are key highlights for the station:
 - a. Chief Goss will be advanced to BOSN2 in June 2024.
 - b. New OIC, Chief Baker, will be arriving in July 2024.
 - c. Station Vallejo will be conducting a "Soft Launch" in April 2024, of its new Monday – Friday, weekday only, operational schedule. All hands on-duty. No duty sections. Station Rio Vista and Station San Francisco are expanding their AOR to cover Station Vallejo's AOR after hours and weekends. Reservists will be transferred to Station Rio Vista.
 - d. New Drone for SAR – Sta Vallejo is continuing training for their shipmates. The drone will be deployed on an RB-S 29' while the crew is underway during SAR cases to help reduce search time for SAR victims.

BRAVO ZULU

- John Albrecht (FL52), Deb Rocchild (FL52) and Tom Sarnicola (FL52) received their AUXOP Certification.
- Mike Smith (FL52) now officially working with USCG Health Services at Air Station Sacramento.
- Giovanni Bacigalupi, SO-PB - Division 5 Quarterly Newsletter – March 2024 was sent to all division members. First Division 5 Newsletter in...since I can remember.

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

APR	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
	13	Sta. Rio Vista Boating Season Kickoff	Doug McPhearson	dwmacpherson2000@gmail.com	DIV3/5
	13	Sea Scout Regatta in Martinez Ca.	Steve Johnson	stevenjohnson.uscgau@gmail.com	FL51
	13	VE Blitz – Delta Marina Rio Vista	Jim Minkel	j.minkel@att.net	FL51
	20	Butter and Eggs Day Parade - Petaluma	Jim Matthies	jamingimy@aol.com	FL55
	26	Div. Staff Officer Reports Due to Kit	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
	27-29	Apple Blossom Festival - Sebastopol	Jim Matthies	jamingimy@aol.com	FL55
MAY	1	Nominations/Submissions for Awards Due	DCO/DIRAUX	curtis.s.han@gmail.com	District
	2	Monthly Div. 5 Meeting - VYC	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgau@att.net	DCDR
	3	USCG Rockin' Ribs & Homebrew Competition - TRACEN	Doug Twitchell	dtwitchellcgau@gmail.com	FL55
	4-5	Bodega Bay Fish Festival	Jim Matthies	jamingimy@aol.com	FL55
	11	Boat America Class – Solano Yacht Club	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
	18	Suisun Car Show – PA Booth	Rene Steinhauer	medicrene@yahoo.com	FL53
	18-24	National Safe Boating Week	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
	25-26	Lake Sonoma Operations and VE/PA Event	Jim Matthies	jamingimy@aol.com	FL55
	27	Petaluma YC Memorial Day Cruise In	Jim Matthies	jamingimy@aol.com	FL55
	31	Div. Staff Officer Reports Due to Kit	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
JUN	1	National Staff Applications Due	Various		NTL
	1-3	DIV. 3 – Sacramento OPTREX	Doug MacPherson	dwmacpherson2000@gmail.com	DIV. 3
	6	Monthly Div. 5 Meeting - VYC	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgau@att.net	DCDR
	14-15	OPTREX Brannon Island	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	DIV 5
	22	District Meeting	District		District
	28	Div. Staff Officer Reports Due to Kit	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
	30	IT Instructor Workshop Due	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
	30	VE Workshop Due	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
	30	OPS/TCT Workshops Due	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	DIV 5

Photographs:



Two boat training with
Station Bodega Bay



Side tow evolution.



New facility Marianne



Figure 1 PA Table - Benicia Yacht Club

New AUXOP Recipients



FSO-OP John Albrecht and FSO-MT Deb Rocchild.



FSO-HR/FN Tom Sarnicola With DCO Curtis Han and DCDR Randy McCormick

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