



## MEMORANDUM

From: Bill Ross, DCDR, 113-07 Utah

To: 

- District Commodore
- District 113

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

### Highlights

1. Congratulations to John Michael and Tony Zimmerle on the birth of their son.
2. Flotilla 7-3 Fantastic new members accomplishments
3. Coastie PA Eveny Elementary School
4. Survey Study on the Melroy
5. Researching Project to collect used Life Jackets

### Details

1. John Michael and Tony Zimmerle are the proud parents of the new son Joseph. Both mother and son are doing fine.
2. In the past few months, Flotilla 7-3 has had great success with new members joining and completing all of the Core training and BQ II training. Of special note, Chris Zawistak has completed not only his BQ II but has completed all of the necessary AUXOP courses in the first 30 day of becoming a member. All three of the new members are excited and committed auxiliary members. Thanks to Paul Custance for his guidance as the Flotilla Commander.
3. The next Coastie PA event will occur on Friday April 26 at the Black Ridge Elementary School in Eagle Mountain for their Child Safety program. Lana Visser, myself and John Michael Zimmerle will be participating.

The next scheduled event for Coastie will be Monday May 6 at the Wasatch County Kids Safety Fair 4 – 7 PM in Heber City.

4. The prospect of obtaining a 2002 Sea Fox 24' Center Console in Florida has been abandoned. The vessel had extensive fiberglass damage to the hull. Thanks to Charlene Dykman FC in Davie, FL for examining the vessel and providing photos for us.

Dewitt Smith, who has been a lifelong sailor, owner/operator three different boat building/repair businesses, boat building instructor, and involved in the restoration of all

wood and fiberglass boats completed an extensive report on the feasibility of restoring the Melroy to serviceable status. His report was presented at the 7-3 Flotilla meeting on April 11. He indicated the work would involve extensive labor. His research revealed the original construction of the Melroy included placement of one or two outboard motors with a maximum of 140 horsepower. The facility currently has two 115 HP outboards. The original construction also included placement of a Cuddy cabin, which the Melroy has. It can safely be removed for a front flat deck and the center console can be moved forward to improve weight distribution.

The most critical issue is whether the flotation foam between the inner and outer hulls is water saturated. It will be necessary to drill holes through the hull to determine if gravity will indicate a flow of water from the foam. If so, the restoration would probably be too expensive and labor intensive to pursue.

The Flotilla has also been referred to a certified Marine Surveyor in St George, Utah if additional information is needed.

5. Last year, there was a grant obtained by the DNR for the purchase life jackets as loaners for people swimming at Utah Lakes who temporarily needed the safety devices. They were available at kiosk at several Utah Lakes. Unfortunately, the program was successful in people using the life jackets. However, the failure was that people did not return them. Utah Lake has only 3 life jackets remaining.

Division 7 will be exploring a community outreach to the public for usable used life jackets that can be used at the kiosk at Utah Lakes to replace the missing life jackets.

- A. The project would be titled "Used Life Jackets Save Lives"
- B. It is likely we will be working in conjunction with the Utah Drowning Coalition.
- C. The Auxiliary would be providing a needed resource of used life jackets.
- D. We would like to find a corporate affiliate that will provide space for collection stations.
- E. Public media including TV, print and radio services will be sought to communicate the need for support and details for locations to deliver the used life jackets.
- F. Presentations would be given at Kiwanis, Rotary and other service organization requesting their support.
- G. The public exposure for the Auxiliary would provide greater recruiting opportunities.

## GOALS

1. Still trying to Identify members willing to serve on Division Staff.
2. Increase Coastie presentations
3. Bring two new vessels into facility status.
4. Work towards recruiting a 15% increased enrollment for the year.
5. Successfully launch the used life jacket project

## 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

2 Coastie PA Events listed above

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