



MEMORANDUM

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District Commodore, D11NR

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Highlights

1. Operations
2. 2024 NSBW Water Safety Fair
3. Opening Day
4. Training events and PE
5. VSC events
6. Bravo Zulu

Details

1. **Operations:** OPFAC Silver Charm completed 4 patrols in April including 2 helo Air Ops, a QE event, and a regatta patrol (Boats Without Barriers rowing event in the Oakland Estuary.) Additional planning and coordination for future QE events as well as annual task maintenance completion is ongoing.
2. **2024 NSBW:** One of our premier annual events, the **Water Safety Fair** at Station Golden Gate in support of National Safe Boating Week, is now one week away, set for Saturday, May 18th from 1000-1300. This event is sponsored by FL 01-02 with assistance from our Division 1 (and D11) membership. As in past years, we are fortunate to have Coast Guard and local first responder support.
3. **Opening Day** (Treasure Island Sailing Club): Attended by 3 Active Duty and 3 members of FL 01-04, Marisa Hoke, Nancy Marion and Louis Sarto on April 18th.
4. **Training and PE:** The *Annual Ops Workshop* was taught, courtesy of and thanks to VNACO Mary Kirkwood, FL 01-04, on May 8th during their flotilla's monthly hybrid meeting. Multiple Aux members were able to successfully complete this annual requirement. IPFC Arne Gelb and FSO-MS Patrick Rostrata (FL 01-09) taught a well

received *GPS for Mariners* enrichment course at Sierra Point YC on April 27th for 5 students.

5. **VSC Events:** VSCs were conducted at the Marin YC on April 27th, led by Greg Catani, FL 01-04. Additionally, a total of 21 VSCs this year have been conducted by examiners from FL 01-09, including FC Herman Haluza and IPFC Arne Gelb.
6. **Bravo Zulu:** Michael Vellegiante FL 01-09 for recently achieving BQ Status. Louis Sarto, FL 01-04, participated at Sector SF Recruiting Day on April 3rd.

Projects

1. **Annual Currency Training/Night Operations** - Rolling
2. **Website Revision** - Pending
3. **AD2 PPE Database Entry** - Ongoing

Challenges and Obstacles

1. Limited engagement of our members in Auxiliary programs and events. For example, numerous requests to help support NSBW events were met with minimal replies. Additionally, decreased number of active qualified instructors, vessel examiners, program visitors as well as FSOs restrict flotilla RBS related activities
2. AUXDATA II hours entry compliance
3. Succession planning remains an ongoing challenge at the flotilla level

Goals and Objectives

1. **Advance member goals**-special emphasis on mentor assignments and assisting members with advancing current status to BQ/AX. Current Div 1 stats: *Total members 165, consisting of AP 20 (12%), IQ 16 (10%), BQ 103 (62%), AX 26 (16%)*
2. **Enhance training opportunities**-surface operations “Work Smarter” initiative, which incorporates annual TASK maintenance training during routine MOM/NAV patrols.
3. **Amplify USCG Auxiliary recruitment**- ongoing

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