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# MEMORANDUM

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Subj: DIVISION 05 COMMANDER REPORT – MAY 2024

## 2024 Performance Metrics:

| DIVISION 5 2024 PERFORMANCE<br>as reflected in AUXDATA II May 2024 |              |               |               |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | 2024 YTD     | 2023          | % of 2023     |
| Surface Ops Crew   | 114          | 674           | 16.91%        |
| Surface Ops Coxswain   | 90           | 478           | 18.83%        |
| Public Education   | 25           | 180           | 13.89%        |
| Member Training  | 8            | 81            | 9.88%         |
| Public Affairs   | 81           | 798           | 10.15%        |
| Marine Safety  | 133          | 655           | 20.31%        |
| CG Ops Support   | 560          | 1496          | 37.43%        |
| <b>Total Hours</b>   | <b>1011</b>  | <b>6,385</b>  | <b>15.83%</b> |
| <b>TOTAL MISSION HOURS</b>   | <b>5,556</b> | <b>25,565</b> | <b>21.73%</b> |
| Program Visitations  | 139          | 845           | 16.45%        |
| Vessel Examinations  | 114          | 504           | 22.62%        |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP (Net +2 Per Flotilla)</b>                            |              |               |               |
| Flotilla 51 - Vallejo  | 33           | 33            | 0             |
| Flotilla 52 - Napa   | 36           | 35            | 1             |
| Flotilla 53 - Solano   | 30           | 29            | 1             |
| Flotilla 55 - Sonoma   | 32           | 31            | 1             |
|  | <b>131</b>   | <b>128</b>    | <b>+3</b>     |

## Highlights

1. DIV 5 All-Hands Meeting and Workshops
2. Keeping the Light On (FL51)
3. Member Training is a Healthy Sign (FL52)
4. Get Them Trained Young (FL53)
5. Spring Fellowship & Meeting (FL55)
6. Station Vallejo Updates

## Details

- 1. DIV 5 All-Hands Meeting and Workshops** – Under our District’s focus on “Engagement/Reengagement”, the Monthly Division Meeting and Workshops was held at Coast Guard Station Vallejo on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Saturday event enabled members to travel great distances to attend and also allowed all Division Board and Staff members an opportunity to attend in person. We did not use ZOOM. Overall, 37 Members and 3 Active Duty attended reaching our goal of 40. The event included 3 workshops with excellent attendance. Workshop Count: VE-30. OPS-24 and RM/TCT-27. Members stated they were happy to complete their workshop early in the year and there were many positive comments about fellowship and the venue. Thank you to the many members that pitched in to help/teach and Bravo Zulu to the core team of AUC Glenn Hunter, COMO Curtis Han, VCDR Kit Galvin and DCDR Randy McCormick. A special thanks to BM1 Avery Amusiu for being our POC and OIC Chief Tyler Goss. Of special note was the attendance of two recently minted Chiefs from TRACEN Petaluma who were completing their Auxiliary PQS tasks.
- 2. Keeping the Light On (FL51):** In Flotilla 51 it is Jon Sargent, FSO-IS that is keeping his light on to ensure that data is collected and entered in AUX DATA II in an accurate and timely basis. We only see the final results but Jon has to work with his members to resolve issues with their many activity logs. Its his computer background that helps him work through the challenges. The hot topic has been Uniform Inspection updates.
- 3. Member Training is a Healthy Sign (FL52):** A healthy Flotilla does many things right. However, a bell-weather sign is the level of training its members are taking. Members of Flotilla 52 are doing just that. Eight members completed some form of training in April whether it be workshops, Boat Operations classes or Marine Safety (invasive species). These members care about getting better at their craft, expanding their understanding of the mission they support and making sure they are up to date on policies, procedures and best practices. Commendable job by all.
- 4. Get Them Trained Young (FL53):** As the weather warms, the kids find themselves in a neighbor’s pool, out on swim in the lake or boating in the delta. Is anyone teaching them how to be safe around water? Well, members of FL53 led by Margie Balch and Kit Galvin are doing just that. The first 750 of almost 3000 kids already received Water Safety for Kids training in April with the program continuing through May. The first event was held at a Concord elementary school with Margie, Kit engaging the kids and Rene Steinhauer and Randy McCormick learning the ropes. The team has put together many memorable water

safety jingles that are easy to remember, props are used to keep the kids focused, the life jacket sizing demonstration proves one-size does not fit all, how to huddle when your boat capsizes gets the kids out of their seat and of course family homework is provided. The kids and faculty learned a lot and were thankful for the Coast Guard Auxiliary for coming out and sharing.

5. **Spring Fellowship & Meeting (FL55):** Seasoned Flotilla Commander Jim Matthies knows how to mix it up in order to keep things fresh and engaging. This time the Flotilla moved their April monthly meeting from the Petaluma Yacht Club to the living room of Aux Member Frank Capurro. They had a great turnout including a couple of Active Duty members. Although business was conducted, the memorable parts were the fellowship and of course Frank's famous tri-tip roast. The team has been working hard especially in growing their OPS Program, it was time to through in some fun.
6. **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.
  - 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.
  - e. OIC Chief Goss will help facilitate a new partnership between the Aux and Reserves which train at the station one weekend a month.

## **BRAVO ZULU**

- Erik and Dinia Paananen (FL52) for getting approved to work at the USCG Health Services Clinic, USCG TRACEN Petaluma.
- AUX Facility Marianne (FL55) for multiple days of supporting two-boat training with Surf Boat 257
- Div. 5 All- Hands Meeting and Workshop Team

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 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**

- Adjusting perspective of leadership and members from feeling restricted to doing now that “C” is in the mirror.
- 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.
- 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**

|     |       |   |                   |                                  |              |
|-----|-------|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| MAY | 1     | Nominations/Submissions for Awards Due                    | DCO/DIRAUX        | curtis.s.han@gmail.com           | District     |
|     | 2     | <b>Monthly Div. 5 Meeting - VYC</b>                       | Randy McCormick   | randy_uscgaux@att.net            | DCDR         |
|     | 3     | USCG Rockin' Ribs & Homebrew Competition - TRACEN         | Doug Twitchell    | dtwitchellcgaux@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        |
|     | 11    | CGI Shoreline Cleanup 9-11                                | Morgan Swiggett   | m.swiggett.uscgaux@icloud.com    | D11N         |
|     | 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    | <b>Div. Staff Officer Reports Due to Kit</b>              | <b>Kit Galvin</b> | <b>twohalibut@aol.com</b>        | <b>DIV 5</b> |
| JUN | 1     | National Staff Applications Due                           | Various           |                                  | NTL          |
|     | 1-3   | DIV. 3 – Sacramento OPTREX                                | Doug MacPherson   | dwmacpherson2000@gmail.com       | DIV. 3       |
|     | 6     | <b>Monthly Div. 5 Meeting - VYC</b>                       | Randy McCormick   | randy_uscgaux@att.net            | DCDR         |
|     | 14-15 | OPTREX Brannon Island                                     | Lew Derfuss       | blueskier@sbcglobal.net          | DIV 5        |
|     | 21    | Oakland A's Fellowship Game                               | Neil Slawson      | neil.c.slawson.uscgaux@gmail.com | FL41         |
|     | 22    | DTRAIN 2024   | District          |                                  | District     |
|     | 28    | <b>Div. Staff Officer Reports Due to Kit</b>              | <b>Kit Galvin</b> | <b>twohalibut@aol.com</b>        | <b>DIV 5</b> |
|     | 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        |
| JUL | 1     | Flotilla Dues Notices sent out                            | FSO-FNs           |                                  | FSO-FN       |
|     | 4     | <b>Monthly Div. 5 Meeting – VYC<br/>NO MEETING - DARK</b> | Randy McCormick   | randy_uscgaux@att.net            | DCDR         |
|     | 6-7   | Lake Sonoma Operations and VE/PA Event                    | Jim Matthies      | jamingimy@aol.com                | FL55         |
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## PHOTOGRAPHS



DCDR, Randy McCormick, presents BM1 Amasiu with Certificates of Appreciation, at Sta Vallejo on April 6, 2024, for his and Chief Goss's support of the Div. 5 All Hands Meeting and Training.



Hunter presents Certificate of Appreciation, Challenge Coin and Napa Flotilla 52 wooden 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cleat to Ensign Thompson, during *informal* presentation on April 19 at Sta Vallejo. Ensign Thompson recently graduated from USCG OCS and was the former XPO at Sta Vallejo. Sta Vallejo shipmates enjoyed a BBQ lunch after the presentations.

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