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MEMORANDUM

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Subj: DIVISION 05 COMMANDER REPORT – JULY 2024

2024 Performance Metrics:

DIVISION 5 2024 PERFORMANCE as reflected in AUXDATA II End of June 2024			
	2024 YTD	2023 EOY	% of 2023
Surface Ops Crew	212	674	31.45%
Surface Ops Coxswain	179	478	37.45%
Public Education	78	180	43.33%
Member Training	57	111	51.35%
Public Affairs	120	798	15.04%
Marine Safety	180	655	27.48%
CG Ops Support	794	1496	53.07%
Total Hours	1,620	4,392	36.89%
TOTAL MISSION HOURS	8,457	25,565	33.08%
Program Visitations	193	845	22.84%
Vessel Examinations	241	504	47.82%
MEMBERSHIP (Net +2 Per Flotilla)			
Flotilla 51 - Vallejo	34	33	1
Flotilla 52 - Napa	35	35	0
Flotilla 53 - Solano	30	29	1
Flotilla 55 - Sonoma	32	31	1
	131	128	+3

Uniform Inspection (58 out of 132):

	Flotilla 51	Flotilla 52	Flotilla 53	Flotilla 55
Not Inspected	25	11	18	21
Inspected	9	24	12	11
Exempt	0	0	0	0
Total	34	35	30	32

Membership (131 Members):

	Flotilla 51	Flotilla 52	Flotilla 53	Flotilla 55
01/01/2024	34	34	28	31
New Members	2	2	2	1
Disenrollments	1	0	1	0
Retirements	0	0	0	0
Transfers	1	0	1	0
Total	34	35	30	32

Highlights

1. Working with Partners (FL52)
2. Memorial (F55)
3. NACO 3-Star Award for Excellence in Diversity
4. Thrown a Curve Ball, Simplify
5. Station Vallejo Updates

Details

1. **Working with Partners (FL52):** Erik Paananen (FC) and Dinia Paananen (VFC) gave a Sammy the Sea Otter/Marine Safety Presentation to 4 counselors and 25 students at St. Helena Parks and Recreation Summer Camp. This is the third year in a row that Flotilla 52 has done a presentation for St. Helena Parks and Recreation.
2. **Memorial (F55):** There was Celebration of life and a service for former Flotilla 55 member James Hermann Diekmann on June 8th at Bodega Bay Church. It was well attended by family members and friends of Jim. Frank Capurro, Jeff Tuttle and Jim Matthies attended the on behalf of Flotilla 55 Sonoma County. Jim's name was placed on the Flotilla 55 Memorial bench at Station Bodega Bay at 1000 hrs on June 4th in time for his memorial. Members Doug Twitchell, Jeff Tuttle and Jim Matthies got the honors of placing Jim's name tile on the Memorial bench. Gretchen Diekmann Jim's wife was also in attendance.
3. **NACO 3-Star Award for Excellence in Diversity:** A huge congratulations to the members of Flotillas 51, 52, 53 and 55 for each being award the Diversity Award for their 2023 activities. Thank you to Dinia Paananen (SO-DV) for working with each unit to help complete the applications and submission. Division 5 is proud that all Flotillas purposely focused on Diversity and earned the award.
4. **Thrown a Curve Ball, Simplify:** Division 5 OPTREX scheduled for 14-15 June at Brannon Island Park, Rio Vista was also going to be a campout/fellowship and training event. It was regrettably cancelled due to Lew Derfuss (SO-OP/OPTREX Coordinator) health issues.

However, the need for the OPTREX was significant and many members prepared for the event. A new plan was developed and reorganized as a one-day mini OPTREX on 15 Jun at Vallejo Public Dock. Several key members stepped up to build and execute the plan. Congratulations to Tom Hurley and Thomas Herbst for requaling as Coxswains and Jimmy Matthies, Larry Kubo and Brian Barton Requaling as Crew. Bravo Zulu to Randy Saxe for qualifying as initial crew. Thank you to QE's Paul Verveniotis, Jim Losi and Chuck Cobery (QEIT) for their support and attendance.

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. BOSN Goss was advanced to BOSN2 on June 3, 2024. Bravo Zulu! AUC Hunter attended the Advancement Ceremony at Sta Golden Gate. BOSN Goss will be transferring to Sector Humboldt in July 2024. A COC ceremony will be held at Sta Vallejo at 1000 on July 10, 2024.
 - b. New OIC, Chief Baker, will be arriving in July 2024. Hunter will be introduced to Chief Baker in July.
 - c. Admiral Sugimoto, Deputy Pac Commander, visited Sta Vallejo in June and met with Command Staff and shipmates. Successful visit, with interaction and positive motivation for crew. Bravo Zulu!
 - d. Sta Vallejo was visited by the USCG Comprehensive Law Enforcement Assessment of Readiness (CLEAR) Team in June. Sta Vallejo received a positive evaluation during the "Debrief" meeting with BOSN Goss and the Command Team. Bravo Zulu!
 - e. Sta Vallejo provided operational support in June for the US Army during their training exercises at the Military Ocean Terminal in Concord (MOTCO).

BRAVO ZULU

- To the 23 Division 5 members that attended DTRAIN...the highest attendees for a division.
- Kit Galvin, VCDR for being awarded the COMMODORE'S TROPHY – OUTSTANDING AUXILIARIST OF YEAR.
- Other Division 5 Award Winners:

Individual with the most hours in ATON & Chart Updating:

3rd Place - Larry Kubo - Flotilla 55

Outstanding Flotilla in Public Education:

North Solano County Flotilla - Flotilla 53

Individuals with most Program Visits:

3rd Place - Kit Galvin

Individuals with the most Patrol Hours - Crew:

2nd Place - Dan Glenn - Flotilla 52

Outstanding Flotilla in Human Resources:

Sonoma County Flotilla - Flotilla 55

Individual Awards - CG Operational Support

2nd Place - Bob Bain - Flotilla 52

Personal Citations:

Auxiliary Achievement Medal - Bob Bain Flotilla 52 for serving as Div. 5 Commander 2023.

Auxiliary Commendation Medal - Randy McCormick Flotilla 53 for serving as District Captain 2023

- Glenn Hunter (AUC)/USCG Station Vallejo for their outstanding submission for the COMO ROBERT PHIFER TROPHY. Team Coast Guard was on full display.

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

JUL	1	Flotilla Dues Notices sent out	FSO-FNs		FSO-FN
	4	Monthly Div. 5 Meeting – VYC NO MEETING - DARK	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgaux@att.net	DCDR
	6-7	Lake Sonoma Operations and VE/PA Event	Jim Matthies	jamingimy@aol.com	FL55
	16	Port Chicago 76th Anniversary -- Commemoration	Mike Smith	mrsmith53.uscgaux@gmail.com	FL52
	28	Div. Staff Officer Reports Due to Kit	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
AUG	10	All Hands Board and Staff Meeting (Sat) All Member Training Annual Station BBQ Loc: USCGSTA Vallejo All Board and Staff are expected to attend	Randy McCormick Glenn Hunter	randymccormick@att.net hunterglenn@att.net	Div. 5
	8-18	NACON – Florida (Invitation or C-School)	National		NTL
	30	Div. Staff Officer Reports Due to Kit	Kit Galvin	twohalibut@aol.com	DIV 5
SEP	5	Monthly Div. 5 Meeting - VYC	Randy McCormick	randy_uscgaux@att.net	DCDR
	5	Sta. Rio Vista SAREX	Lew Derfuss	blueskier@sbcglobal.net	Flotillas
	21	District Meeting, Elections & Memorial	Curtis Han	curtis.s.han@gmail.com	District
	21-22	PCA Training Fair – All expected to attend. Coast Guard Island	District	Online Registration	District
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PHOTOGRAPHS



**Kit Galvin – Flotilla 53
COMMODORE’S TROPHY
OUTSTANDING AUXILIARIST OF YEAR**

(L-R DCOS Jim Losi, CAPT Jordan Baldueza, Kit Galvin, CDR Christina Jones, DCO Curtis Han)



Picture on Left: Advancement Ceremony. Captain Baldueza presents BOSN2 Goss and BOSN2 Ott with their advancement certificate to BOSN2, at Sta Golden Gate, on June 3, 2024. Heather Goss and children were in attendance to celebrate this incredibly special achievement and occasion. Hunter attended as well.

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