



## 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. Memorial Service for Richard “Dick” Hoelle
2. Coastie success at the Black Ridge Elementary School Child Safety program  
Coastie event at Wasatch County Kids Fair was postponed due to inclement weather.
4. PA Safety event at Intermountain Rigging
5. Continued Research for collecting used Life Jackets

### Details

1. On Monday, May 13, 2024 Division 7 was honored to participate in the memorial service for retired 23-year Auxiliary member Dick Hoelle. He was also a veteran of the US Navy and served on the Enterprise. We were grateful that the service was attended by Paul and Sherry Custance, Comm Mike Williams, Riley and Nada Turpin, Elliot Moses, Ammon Thompson, and myself. He was a bigger than life individual with a wonderful sense of humor and dedication to service. He served as VFC, FC, VDCR and DCDR and completed over 600 SAR's in his service to Utah. He will be missed.
2. Lana Visser and John Michael Zimmerle provided a very successful presentation of the Coastie Water Safety PA event at the Eagle Mountain Black ridge Elementary School to several hundreds of parents and children.
3. We have been invited to participate at an employee Safety Event for Intermountain Rigging in SLC on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We have been asked to provide instruction on water safety and particularly proper life jacket procedures. Although this may seem to be an unusual subject for a rigging company, we have been told that many employees have boats stored at the facility which provides an opportunity to offer VE's as well as a recruiting opportunity.
4. The prospect of collecting used life jackets for loaner stations at Utah lakes is meeting with positive results. Although the concept is worthy of pursuing, it is not feasible to launch a program this season. However, this gives us adequate time to create an organized plan, obtain corporate sponsors for drop off locations and develop a comprehensive media

campaign. There will be great opportunities for exposure for the auxiliary, recruit new members and develop additional skills with our PA staff.

#### GOALS

1. Increase numbers of Coxswains and Crewmembers for OPTREX
2. Locate a location for in person Division meetings
3. Still trying to Identify members willing to serve on Division Staff.
4. Increase Coastie presentations
5. Work towards recruiting a 15% increased enrollment for the year.

#### Challenges

1. Filling essential SO positions.
2. Increasing the number of qualified Crew Members and Coxswains.

#### Upcoming Events

1 Coastie PA Event

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