Date: April 2023

From: Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs
Thru: Dale Fajardo, DCAPT-Prevention

To: Commodore Curtis Han

Subject: Activities Report from March 2023

Division 1 – Tiffany Townsend – FSO-FC-1-2, SO-PA

No report submitted.

Division 3 – SO-PA – Rich Celia

No report submitted.

<u>Division 4 – Neil Slawson – FC and FSO-PA</u>

Nothing to report.

Division 5 – Jim Matthies–SO-PA

FL 53 FSO-PA – Kit Galvin MARCH 2023

Things are busy in FL 53 with scheduling public affairs events and all things related! Major events:

May 20 – Biggest Little Car Show, Suisun City – We will have a large display for this event with one or two canopies, a trailered boat, Coastie, and a kayak or two. The Sea Scout Ship Delta Mariner will

be helping us out. The plan is for them to do knot demonstrations and assist with showing families.

how to correctly fit life jackets. Active Duty is invited.

July 4 – Fairfield 4th of July Parade is our chance to be seen by the general public and promote the

U.S. Coast Guard and Auxiliary. We will have walkers distributing activity books to the children. Active Duty is invited.

Water Safety Public Education Schedule:

May 6: Brannan Island State Recreation Area – Boat America. Division 3, 5, and 10 will be working.

together to make this happen.

May 9: Mountain View Elementary – 220 students (K-2) (3-5)

May 13: Benicia Yacht Club – Boat America. Targeted audience will be Sea Scouts and their families.

May 23: 8:00 am Christ the King Catholic School Assembly -318 students (K -8)

May 23: 10:30 am Ayers Elementary School – 221 students (K-5)

June TBD: Day Care Centers

Sept. TBD: Martinez Yacht Club – Boat America - Martinez SSS requested this be scheduled for their members.

Vessel Safety Checks Scheduled:

May 7th – VE Blitz – with PA Event, Steele Canyon Boat Launch, Lake Berryessa Fl 52 & Damp; 53)

May 28th – VE Blitz – with PE Event, Brannan Island Boat Launch (Div 3 & Div 5)

May 29th – VE Blitz – with PE Event, Sandy Beach Boat Launch (FL 53)

Respectfully Submitted, Kit Galvin, FSO-PA

Flotilla 55

Flotilla 55 coordinated with Station Bodega Bay to set up an RBS table and VE station at West Side Boat Launch in Bodega Bay. Auxiliarist participants were John Guaraglia, Therese Van Wiele and Jim Matthies. Bodega Bay had two members show up in support of our efforts. BM3 Zane Smith and MK3 soon to be MK2 Garrett Romer were there on patrol at both at West Side and Doran Beach launches. Although it was a very slow day at the Launch ramps, we did manage to get two Vessel exams and two Paddle Craft exams completed along with a California Boating and Waterways, Clean Boating Survey. We handed out some safe boating materials and talked with some nice people and even met up with a retired Flotilla 55 member who was camping there at the campgrounds with his wife. We enjoyed the Cool but sunny weather at West Side Regional Park which is somewhat Sheltered from the heavy winds that were happening out on Doran Beach and Bodega Bay itself.

Flotilla 55 is preparing for Fish Festival 2023 and we are looking for volunteers to help out at our PA Booth on April 22 and 23rd. We also have an invite to participate in the Sebastopol Apple Blossom Festival at Ives Park in Sebastopol CA.

Please call Jim Matthies if interested in participating in either one of these fun Spring events.

<u>Division 6 – Jane D. Smith – DSO-PA & VCDR</u>

Provided by Steve McCann: On March 25, 2023 - Coxswain Steve McCann and Crewmember Robert Kay, both from Flt 64, and Crewmember Bruce Krogstad, Flt 6-10, on the AUX facility 201474, conducted a MOM patrol beginning at 1030 hours. At approximately 1130 hours we met with the USCG 47' MLB for two-boat training. The coxswain of the 47' MLB requested our assistance with training new boat crew members. We gladly agreed and went simulated DIW

near the Monterey Mile Buoy. The crew of the 47' MLB practiced approaches, line handling, line passing and stern towing. They took us in stern-tow on several occasions.

Coxswain, Steve McCann, requested the 47' MLB to be a simulated DIW vessel to provide training for the Auxiliary facility 201474 and crew. Coxswain Steve McCann provided the crew of Bruce Krogstad and Robert Kay with a stern-tow briefing. The 201474 made an approach while crewmember Bruce Krogstad tossed a bridle heaving line. Robb Kay acted as a safety person during the exercise. Crewmember Bruce Krogstad provided instructions to the crew of the 47' MLB. The 47' MLB was put into a stern tow configuration with bridles and tow lines from the AUX vessel 201474. Due to the vessel size difference, no strain was put on the tow lines.



Bruce Krogstad FC Flt.6-10 manning the helm on Coxswain Steve McCann's of Flt 64 and boat #474. In the background is the 47' MLB.



Bruce Krogstad FC Flt 6-10 ready to prepare for a tow with the 47'MLB and giving instructions.

Chuck Cobery – Flotilla 6-10, Coxswain, FSO-PA

Auxiliarist Jane Smith Achieves a Milestone

From Chuck Cobery:

Thanks so much Chuck Cobery! (Note from Jane)

Flotilla 6-10 member **Jane Smith** recently passed a major professional milestone by achieving PA-1 status, the highest level of Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist. Jane passed a rigorous oral board after completing the required PQS for this level of expertise which included her knowledge of Coast Guard Public Affairs Policy, digital photography, news writing and journalism, media relations, and the FEMA Incident Command System. She is now qualified to directly assist the Coast Guard with their Public Affairs program and to wear the coveted AUX PA-1 ribbon with two bronze stars (see below).



The Aux PA program is designed to complement and interact with the 100 active-duty Public Affairs specialists and is open to any member who is interested in furthering their Aux participation through Public Affairs. The entry-level PA C-School is held in several locations throughout the United States and PA courses may be taken on-line as well. In order to obtain a PA-1 level, individuals must pass oral exams and PQS completion at the PA-1 and PA-2 levels.

Congratulations to Jane for all her hard work and dedication.



Jane Smith receives her certificate and second bronze star for attaining PA-1 status from 6-10 Flotilla Commander Bruce Krogstad. Photo by Auxiliarist Chuck Cobery

<u>Division 6 – Jane D. Smith – DSO-PA & VCDR</u> <u>Whalefest Monterey, CA March 19, 2023</u>

Whalefest was a great success of community members voicing their support for Coast Guard. Craig Johnson of Flotilla 64 headed the event up this year!! Others that helped were Michael Goldberg, Jerry Edelen, Tracy Schultz & Tim Meroney from Flotilla 64. Also, Como Wally and Jane Smith DSO-PA1 from Flotilla 6-10 were there to help with our Division 6 activities. Station Monterey's 29' RBS was a big hit with the public at Whalefest, especially the children.



CG Auxiliary Booth and Table



Coasties (next to ours) talking to the public inquiring about enlisting in the Coast Guard.



Great new recruitment banner from Coast Guard Monterey



Two Coasties from Station Monterey chatting with parents & children on the static display of the 29' RBS boat.



Here is the crew of Auxiliarists and Coast Guard Monterey
That were at this event to help with inquiries from the public!

Division 7 - Lana Visser - SO-PA

2023 Utah Boat Show

After a two-year absence, Division 7 had a booth once again in the 2023 Utah Boat Show. This year we had a 10'x20' booth, which we used to showcase paddleboard safety and promoted wearing life jackets, having a VSC, and taking a boating class.

Division 7 participated in the 2023 Salt Lake County Safe Kids Fair at the Mountain America Expo Center in Sandy, Utah, with a booth focusing on water safety and to always wear your life jackets.

This was the 25th year the Salt Lake County Health Department has hosted this event to help kids (and parents!) learn how to be safe at home, school, and in the community. One hundred vendors, which included police and fire departments, school resources, swim schools, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and many more organizations, filled Exhibition Hall #5 of the Mountain America Expo Center. Vendors were encouraged to have hands-on activities for the children to learn and participate in. This year's event was attended by several thousand families (attendance at past fairs have exceeded 20,000), and our booth was busy during the entire time the safety fair was open.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary booth focused on water safety and promoting wearing life jackets by both children and adults. We talked to the kids about Coastie's Five Water Safety Rules: (1) Wear your life jacket, (2) Reach, Throw, But Don't Go, (3) Swim with a buddy with an adult watching, (4) Know what is under the water before jumping in, and (5) Learn to swim. Brochures on choosing and wearing the right life jacket, information on children and personal watercraft, boating safety, *You're in Command* and paddle craft safety with the reflective paddle stickers were available for everyone at the safety fair.



SANDY, UTAH - AUXILIARIST ANTHONY KING WITH DIVISION 7'S BOOTH AT THE SALT LAKE COUNTY SAFE KIDS FAIR. MARCH 25, 2023. PHOTO BY LANA VISSER.





SANDY, UTAH - DISPLAY TABLES FOR U.S. COAST GUARD BOOTH AT SALT LAKE COUNTY SAFE KIDS FAIR. MARCH 25, 2023. PHOTO BY LANA VISSER.

The interactive activity we chose was our Coastie Water Safety game to give the kids the knowledge and skills to be safe around water. After reviewing Coastie's Five Water Safety Rules with the kids, we had them pick a number from the game board. Inside was a question about water safety with three possible answers. The kids read the question and then decided which answer was correct. It was an effective way to reinforce the water safety concepts we had talked to them about. We let them choose which question they wished to answer, and they could play as many times as they wished. Many of the children we talked to had been involved in swimming lessons, so it was a review for them of what their swim instructors had been teaching them.







SANDY, UTAH - COASTIE'S WATER SAFETY GAME (LEFT), WITH AUXILIARIST CARL HENNING (CENTER) AND AUXILIARIST ANTHONY KING (RIGHT) QUIZZING THE KIDS ON WATER SAFETY. MARCH 25, 2023. PHOTO BY LANA VISSER.





SANDY, UTAH – AUXILIARIST TONY ZOCCHI TALKS TO KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS ABOUT HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT SIZE LIFE JACKET AND ABOUT WEARING THE CORRECT LIFE JACKET FOR THE WATER ACTIVITY

We had many opportunities through the day to talk with kids and their parents or guardians about how to choose a life jacket, the importance of wearing life jackets, and to wear the correct size and type of life jacket for their water activities. The kids were excited to tell us they do wear their life jackets and they are taking swimming lessons, and it was fun to see their enthusiasm for water safety.

We had Sammy the Sea Otter, The True Story of Inky the Whale, and Learn About the United States Coast Guard coloring books and crayons to give to each child who wanted one. The kids loved the coloring books, and even some of the older kids decided they wanted one. Our recruiter had also given us some Team Coast Guard t-shirts and lanyards to hand out, which were quite popular.

We also had a special visitor in our booth. *Pandora Panda* spent some time entertaining the kids, playing peek-a-boo with the younger ones, and giving high fives to the older ones. The kids loved it. Throughout the entire show we heard, "Mom! Take my picture with Panda!" The little kids loved to give Panda hugs. After they had interacted with Panda for a few minutes, we took them over to the table to give them their coloring books, and then talked to them about Coastie's Water Safety Rules and let them play Coastie's Water Safety Game. Most of them had to go tell Panda goodbye before they left our booth.







SANDY, UTAH - YOUNG FAIR VISITORS LOVED PLAYING GAMES WITH PANDA, WHO WAS DEFINITELY A HIT WITH THE KIDS AND A STRONG DRAW TO OUR BOOTH. MARCH 25, 2023. PHOTOS BY LANA VISSER.



Sandy, Utah – this little boy was giggling so hard he could barely give Panda a "high-five." March 25, 2023. Photo by Lana Visser.



Sandy, Utah – We met fellow mascots! March 25, 2023. Photo by Lana Visser.



Sandy, Utah – Auxiliarist Paul Custance with one of our booth's life jacket models. March 25, 2023. Photo by Lana Visser.

We had a lot of fun at this show. The kids were excited, and the parents were supportive of our water safety and life jacket messages. We feel like we were able to help the kids visiting our booth learn more about water safety, the importance of wearing a life jacket, and think about what could be unsafe when they are having fun in the water.







SANDY, UTAH - DIVISION 7 BOOTH FOR 2023 UTAH BOAT SHOW AT THE MOUNTAIN AMERICA EXPO CENTER. FEBRUARY 9. 2023. PHOTOS BY LANA VISSER.

Division 7 has been fortunate to be a part of the Utah Boat Show for many years, which is one of our major PA activities for the year. This show always well attended, and this year was no exception with an estimated 20,000+ attendees. Our Auxiliarists talked to many people during the four days of the show. We had two podiums at the front of the booth featuring interactive questions on general boating safety and paddle board safety. Created by Auxiliarist Bill Ross, attendees could read each multiple-choice question and answer the question by touching a stylus on a corresponding metal screw, which would activate the "Correct" or "Incorrect" light and sound. It was a great way to engage the public and start conversations about boating safety and boating education.



SANDY, UTAH - AUXILIARISTS HARLEY HOPKINS AND MICHAEL BOWSER STAND READY TO GREET SHOW ATTENDEES. FEBRUARY 9, 2023. PHOTO BY



SANDY, UTAH - OUR SHOW MASCOT SHOWS OFF HIS DOGGY LIFE JACKET. FEB 9, 2023. PHOTO BY LANA VISSER





SANDY, UTAH - AUXILIARIST ANTHONY KING (LEFT) WATCHES AS A SHOW ATTENDEE TAKES THE INTERACTIVE TEST ON BOATING SAFETY. AUXILIARIST TONY ZOCCHI (RIGHT) TALKS ABOUT PADDLE BOARD SAFETY WITH TWO SHOW ATTENDEES AFTER THEY HAVE TAKEN THE PADDLE BOARD INTERACTIVE TEST.



SANDY, UTAH - AUXILIARIST DON MOYLE TALKS TO SHOW ATTENDEES ABOUT LIFE JACKETS.
FEBRUARY 10, 2023. PHOTO BY LANA VISSER.



SANDY, UTAH - ANTHONY KING (LEFT) AND DON MOYLE TALK WITH A SHOW ATTENDEE AND SCHEDULES A VSC VISIT. FEBRUARY 10, 2023.

With coloring books to hand out to the kids, paddle craft reflector kits, "If Found-Contact" stickers for the paddle craft enthusiasts, and swag provided by our recruiter contact, there was lots to draw attention to our booth. Graciously loaned to us by one of the vendors, our puppy mascot (named Delta Oscar Golf), with his doggy life jacket was a big hit, especially with the small children who wanted to pet him. We had to really watch him, though, as one little girl was so enamored with him that she was determined to take him home!

We talked to many people this year who were interested in taking a boating education class and gathered referrals for boaters wanting a vessel safety check. We will be contacting those who indicated interest in a boating class and getting them scheduled into a class, and contacting those wanting a vessel safety check when the weather warms up and boats are out of storage.

The Utah Boat Show was open to the public for a total of 34 hours over four days. We had eleven Auxiliary members stand multiple watches during the course of the show, plus the crew of eight who helped to either set up or take down our booth. Their time and willingness to help with this big event was much appreciated.

<u>Division 8 – Dorothy DeLope – FSO-PA</u>

Nothing to Report

Division 10 – Dock Pierce – FC -Flotilla 10-5

Northing to report

Division 11 Linda Ravett-SO-PA - Flotilla 11-03

Nothing to Report

<u>Division 12 – Jean-Pierre Carjuzaa – FSO-PA</u>

The love of flying and the dedication of true mayericks in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

I recently talked to Adam Kovalevsky, VFC, about his multiple passions. One of them is taking off toward the skies to perform Coast Guard Auxiliary observation missions along the Northern California coastline.

Doug Kerr, PIC (Pilot In Command), and Adam Kovalevsky partner to observe and report anomalies on the Ocean surface with their co-owned Cessna 182P. While flying at only 1,500 feet with an air speed of 100 knots, the crew looks for distressed vessels, suspicious activities, entangled marine lives, and report any concerns to surface patrol authorities. They will from time to time participate in SAR (Search and Rescue) missions if called upon to assist local authorities.

One of the search routes that included Greg Gleeson, FSO HR as an observer, started from Hayward Airport heading north toward the Golden Gate Bridge, then flying above Point Reyes,

and all the way to Jenner before turning back to land in Watsonville for the first leg of the mission that lasted approximately 2.5 hours. Following a quick break for lunch and refueling, the crew took off again heading north above Monterey, Carmel, Point Lobos, and returned to base with another 2.5 hours of flight time.

Thank you, Adam, Doug & Greg for your continued dedication to the Coast Guard Auxiliary.









Very respectfully submitted, **Jane D. Smith,**



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