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From: Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs
Thru: Dale Fajardo, DCAPT-Prevention
To: Commodore Curtis Han
Subject: Activities Report May 2023

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Division 1 – FSO-PA – Marisa Hoke

No report submitted.

Division 3 – SO-PA – Richard Celia

On Saturday, 17 June 2023 the Elk Grove Regional Park in Elk Grove, CA played backdrop for area First Responders from multiple agencies who heeded the call to show their skills, services, and products. Police, Fire, Medical Canine, EMT and yes, the USCG-AUX were there. Our focus was Marine Safety, and water safety (as in PFDs). We were fortunate to have a vessel towed up there by two Goldside Shipmates from Station Rio Vista. Their boat and the tours they gave to eager children and parents alike made for a stellar day.

I want to thank my Silver Side Shipmates for making this day possible. First, Jeff Fite, FC of Flotilla 3-10, Joseph Heap his FSO-VE, R. Santos a new member of 3-10, and Hayley McEndree of 3-5 the youngest member of our division but a Worker Bee par excellence. Finally, thanks to our Gold side Shipmates MK2 Randalman and SN Gonzales from STA Rio Vista. Nice Crew Nice people. It doesn't get any better.



Aux Booth

Helping Hands

Setting Up

H McEntree & R Celia



Team Work

Glad they were there!

CHP the good guys

Protecting & Service

The highlight of Division 3’s outreach from June 26-30 was a project with the United States Naval Sea Cadets, their Command Cadre, The United States Coast Guard, the United States Navy, and Civilian workers in 3 locations.

We taught 6 USNSC a super compressed version of the regular 13 week BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP course in 5 days. All were successful, all passed the California Supplement exam as well, and are now eligible to apply for the CA Boater Card. Their ages ranged from 14-17. The Cadets poise, discipline, attention to duty, and effort rivaled (and in some cases eclipsed) anything we have encountered from the Adult civilian groups we typically interact with. Activity took place at Hillside Christian School in Antioch, USCGSTAR Rio Vista, and at THE Military Ocean Terminal Concord (MOTCO). MOTCO’s Tidal Area contains around 5 miles of shoreline and facilities for reception, staging, and loading of ammunition; railroad and truck classification yards; and three ocean terminal piers. Its purpose is to allow the Department of Defense operations plan generous with these young men and one woman. Special credit to Don Anderson, DCDR for taking the lead. Bravo Zulus to all.

THERE IS NO I IN TEAM!

USNSC: Josiah Condit, Jiannah DeGuzman, Ian Lerch, Maximilian Prado, Carson Smith, Brandon Tran for the Pacific Rim. It also has the capability to act as the strategic launch platform for the West Coast. Personnel are primarily civilians and contractors in support, as military personnel comprise just 5 percent of the loading. The exposure, learning curve, and experience for these 6 young people (and us) was in a phrase: AWESOME and then some! Thanks goes out to all of our Instructors who devoted up a considerable amount of their time and were super!



**Georgie Sheurman
Assisted by
Lynda Haynes
(not shown)**

Lew Derfuss

**Lt. Auxtin Sutton
USNavy**

**Don Anderson &
Rich Celia**

**US Naval Sea
Cadets**

**John Harden “Nav King”
Station Rio Vista**



USNSC & Silver Shipmates

Division 5 – Flt 52 – FSO-PA- Michael Smith, FC – Flt 55 & PA- Jim Matthies

June 12, 2023

Flotilla 52, Sacramento **California**

By Michael Smith, FSO-PA



Division 5 Auxiliarists Michael Smith and Morgan Curtis with PRIDE Festival v Sacramento Pride Festival 2023

Recently **Flotillas 52 and 53** were at the **Sacramento Pride Festival**, sharing a tent with the **U.S. Army National Guard** recruiters. Hundreds of people and families turned out to celebrate Pride Week in California's

capital. Auxiliarists Smith and Morgan passed out boating safety and recruiting information for the Auxiliary and Coast Guard to over 75 festival participants. They met U.S. Navy and Coast Guard veterans as well as others interested in what the Coast Guard Auxiliary was doing at a Pride Festival. Most of the folks contacted were not familiar with the Auxiliary and all the opportunities available for those who would like to serve. There were many opportunities to educate and pass on recruiting information. Downtown Sacramento 6/12/23. Source: M. Smith, USCGAUX, 52-FSO



Auxiliarists Morgan and Smith with festivalgoers at the 2023 Sacramento Pride Festival Source: M Smith, USCGAUX,52 FSO-PA

About the Pride Festival

The Sacramento Pride's mission: is to create a region where LGBTQ+ people thrive.

Sacramento Pride Weekend Events are produced by the Sacramento LGBT Community Center. They work to support the health and wellness of the most marginalized, advocate for equity and justice, and build a culturally rich LGBTQ+ community.

FLOTILLA 55 PA REPORT JUNE 2023 – JIM MATTHIES

Flotilla has no PA activity for the month of June. However, we did have a PA event at the end of May that did not make it into my May Report.

Flotilla 55 had a Recreational Safe Boating Booth in Petaluma on 5/27 at the Petaluma Yacht Club. PYC hosts a big Memorial Day cruise in every year and cruisers come from all over the Bay and Delta regions to participate in this event. Since our flotilla uses the PYC as a meeting place, we thought it might be good to support the club and get some safety materials out and get to know some of their members and meet visiting club members as well.

We worked our marlin spike station and heaving line. We also focused on getting some of our dock walker surveys completed, handed out some orange flags, children's coloring books and informed skippers about the California State Boater's Card which deadlines are closing in on even seasoned skippers. We also informed folks of our upcoming Boat America Class which will be held at the PYC on July 8th with the help of other flotillas in Division 5. Therese Van Wiele was able to perform three VE's on Cruising boats which all passed, and Jim Matthies did one inspection on a large cruising boat as well. It was a fun and successful event and was very well received by The PYC and cruising skippers alike.



Therese Van Wiele sharing Valuable Safe Boating resources with Memorial Day Cruiser

Jim Matthies and Therese Van Wiele Flotilla 55 RBS
Booth at PYC Cruise in Memorial Day weekend 2023



Division 6 – DSO-PA1 – JANE D. SMITH

June 24, 2023 : Division 6 scheduled a Mini Optrex for two individuals initial qualification: 6-10's FC Bruce Krogstad, Coxswain and Branden Dungy as Crew. It was great to have OTO Tomas Perez on board as an expert for this initial qualification and see how our crews work together so well!



OTO Perez chatting with Branden Dungy regarding certain requirement for Crew



FC Bruce Krogstad's 815 approaching vessel 219 to conduct a tow procedure. Auxiliarist, Alan Stanton, asking questions about problems and instructions to our crew to prepare for a side tow.



As initial tow procedure was happening, with Mark McLaughlin as QE on 815, OTO Perez looks on for any indication of needs of correction.



After the OPTREX had finished, a request from a local boater that could not get their engine start came about. Here Michael Brown of Division 4 with the help of Gwen Hammer of Division 12 helped the boater by setting up a tow back to the Santa Cruz Harbor!

Division 7 – Lana Visser- SOPA

No report submitted

Division 8 – Dorothy DeLope – SO-PA

Nothing to Report

Division 11 – DCDR – Guy Chism

* **5/17/2023** Ten members completed the

* **Participated in the USCGAUX National Safe Boating Week PA event at West Marine, Reno NV**

* **Memorial Day Observance:** Placement of flags on veterans gravesites and attended the ceremony at the Happy Homestead Cemetery, South Lake Tahoe
Flotilla 11-03

May 16-19, I flew four Delta MOM Patrols for Sector San Francisco. May 25-28, West Marine, Reno was staffed for public education during National Safe Boating Week.



Public Education at West Marine Reno Nevada. Members Tom Temkin and Harmen Lyzenga manned the table for entire event. Resulted in 5 referrals for new membership and multiple requests for Vessel Exams. May 25-28. West Marine Store Reno Nevada. Photograph courtesy of Bill Stolz 11-01.

Division 12 – FSO-PA – Jean- Pierre

Nothing to report until August.

Very respectfully submitted,
Jane D. Smith,



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