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MEMORANDUM

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Highlights

1. Operations
2. VSC Effort
3. Cub Scout Water Safety Event
4. Auxiliary-USCG Interactions
5. Bravo Zulu

Details

1. **Operations:** In June, OPFAC Silver Charm completed 2 safety patrols for swim events from Alcatraz to San Francisco on June 8 and 9. An engine casualty which occurred afterwards, limited additional patrols for the month, but the facility has since undergone subsequent repair and is operational again. Silver Charm is currently involved with Regatta Patrols for Sail GP (July 12, 14) as well as a training patrol (July 13) to help prepare crew for an upcoming OPTREX event. Navigation Systems patrols are ongoing with the SFO Security Zone Buoys, Oyster Point Marina Aids, Mayfield Slough Daybeacon, Dumbarton Railroad and Highway Bridges, and the Coyote Point Marina Aids among those PATONS now verified.
2. **VSC Effort:** Our VE's have completed nearly 100 VSCs through the first half of 2024.
3. **Cub Scout Water Safety Event:** Per a request from Marin Council Boy Scouts of America, Aux members including VNACO Mary Kirkwood, Lou Sarto both FL 14 and Pete Gorenberg, FL 12 held the first of 2 scheduled water safety lessons on July 10 at McNears Beach in China Camp Park, San Rafael. Nearly sixty 2nd-5th grade Cub Scouts attended this first session which incorporated the E-Directorate's "Water N' Kids" program presentation. An MH-65 Dolphin helicopter fly-by had to be scrubbed

due to inclement weather, however a similar flight has been coordinated should the weather cooperate for the next event scheduled for July 24th.

4. **Auxiliary-USCG Interactions:** Flotilla 14 hosted USCG LT Trenton Brown of PST Novato at their monthly June meeting. Along with an overview of the Coast Guard's Strike Team assets, the PST's initial deployment as well as their ongoing efforts with the 2023 Maui wildfires was discussed.
5. **Bravo Zulu:** Nancy Peterson, FL 19, was recognized for 50 years of membership in the Auxiliary at the recent July monthly flotilla meeting, see Photos below.

Projects

1. **Annual Currency Training/Night Operations** - Rolling
2. **Website Revision** - Initial planning and review by our Division leadership in consultation with our DSO-CS has been completed with the goal of having the Division 1 website reformatted and updated by year's end.
3. **AD2 PPE Database Entry** - Ongoing.

Challenges and Obstacles

1. Limited engagement of our members in Auxiliary qualifications, programs and events. A recent AD2 report reviewing CT status of our division shows that 43% of our members are not current with their mandated core training.
2. AUXDATA II hours entry compliance.
3. Succession planning is an ongoing issue. **New gradual membership growth throughout our flotillas will ideally have a positive impact, see stats below.**

Goals and Objectives

1. **Division planning** - Division 1 elections have been scheduled and approved for September 25th. Division 1 COW has been set for Jan 25th, 2025.
2. **Advance member goals**-special emphasis on mentor assignments and advancing current status to BQ/AX. Per CGAux Senior Division 1 Performance Stats
July: **Total members 168/YTD NEW 13** (AP 21, IQ 16, **BQ 105**, AX 26)
Prior month: **Total members 166/YTD NEW 12** (AP 21, IQ 16, **BQ 103**, AX 26)
3. **Enhance training opportunities**-surface operations "Work Smarter" initiative, which incorporates annual TASK maintenance training during routine MOM/NAV patrols.
4. **Amplify USCG and USCG Auxiliary recruitment**- ongoing.

Photos



SAN FRANCISCO — U.S.Coast Guard Auxiliarist Nancy Peterson helps kick off 2024 National Safe Boating Week at Station Golden Gate’s Water Safety Fair on Saturday, May 18. The event is an open house to the public in support of recreational boating safety. Peterson recently achieved 50 years of dedicated service as a Coast Guard Auxiliarist. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Tiffany Townsend, AUXPA3



SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — A Cub Scout raises their hand while attending a water safety session during summer camp at McNears Beach, instructed by VNACO Mary Kirkwood with FC Louis Sarto of Central Marin’s Flotilla 14 on July 10, 2025. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Pete Gorenberg

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