



District Eleven Northern Region DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT – 113-03

MONTH ENDING: 31 May 2020
TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood
FROM: DCDR 03 Russ Kaiser

Highlights:

- 3-1: 1. CHALLENGES – The Obvious – ‘Shelter in Place’ 2. CHALLENGES – Keeping in touch with members and keeping them ‘In the Loop’. This can be a bit of a challenge as you MUST know your members. You need to know which ones you can actually call too often (and annoy) and which ones need a few extra calls. 3. CHALLENGES – Four applications sitting at Diraux. We are still treating these applicants as ‘members’ and including them in phone calls and committee work. 4. OPPORTUNITIES – Develop our HR/PA Program which keeps the members involved.
- 3-3: Wendy Zampardi volunteered to take on FSO-DV, and apply for the NACO Threes Start Award for our flotilla, which she completed and submitted and we won the award, as well as helped our Division win the Division award. BRAVO ZULU, job well done. Thank you Wendy for stepping up and doing an excellent job
- 3-5: Doug MacPherson completed teaching Advanced Coastal Navigation online for the District with Como Mike Maddox. Russ Kaiser taught the final mandated training course for the division for the year. Como Mike Maddox held an online risk management training session for the Division. 7 Division 3 members participated. Kevin Powers, SO-DV has through his great effort secured the pathway that has resulted in Flotillas 3-3, 3-5, and 3-10 each earning the NACO 3 STAR DIVERSITY AWARD He insured that all of the necessary paperwork, contacts and dates were adhered to and his effort has paid off handsomely as these 3 units will be so honored. All while still representing the AUX as a Partner for the Academy Program AND serving in the CA Military Reserve Maritime as a CPO during the current Pandemic. This man is a workhorse yet he does 90% of his work behind the scenes. Don Anderson (VCDR 113-03) has initiated a program to bring our instructors up to speed across Div. 3 to can learn how to tech ABS and similar courses virtually including g scoring the exams. Another session for the instructors is planned
- 3-10: From FC Larry Stanton: **Meeting held via web. Processed application for NACO-3 Star Diversity Award.**

Details:

- SO-CM Larry Stanton:
- SO-AUC CG Station Rio Vista-Steve Harrison: CG Station Rio Vista held a Change of Command on the 25th without visitors. The new OIC is BMC Michael Bennett. The new XPO is BM1 Reagan. I have not met or talked to either one. In addition, a total of eight experienced Petty Officers have left the Station the past two months. An unknown number of replacements have or will arrive this summer.
- SO-CS Ernest Shih: Division 3: Flotilla 3-10: Helped the Flotilla Commander to conduct the Flotilla meeting using the Division GoToMeeting account
- SO-AS Gary Estep:
- SO-FN David Wright: report filed
- SO-FS Nancy Holtzman: Working with Bob Waterman and Anita Farnholtz on IS for Food Service

- SO-IS Robert "Bob" Waterman: Prepared AUXDATA II User Guides as follows: a. A "General Membership" guide which focuses on the "Members", "Units" and "Activity Logs" tabs as well as how to enter Activities. This guide was distributed to all Divisions Members and to DIRAUX. b. A "Requests and Patrol Orders" guide which I recently submitted to DIRAUX for review prior to distribution to Operational Leadership. 2. Performed two, 2-hour AUXDATA II webinars for the Division on June 7th and 9th. These Webinars focused on navigating in ADII, entering activity logs and a review of the content of the "members" and "unit" areas. Some members from Divisions 06, 08 & 12 also attended. 3. Additional AUXDATA II trainings will be conducted soon on Patrol Orders, Facilities, entering a 7030 with task capture and reports. A special training on "Mission Codes and Forms" is also in the planning stage
- SO-MA Vacant. Flotilla 3-5: FSO-MA: New curriculums for Boating Safety courses are now available for order. Current Materials are valid through 2020.
- SO-MS Jeff Fite: One FLT 3-10 Member attended UPV class. Ongoing AUX-MS shutdown due to COVID-19 pandemic. MS interest survey is ongoing
- SO-MT: Doug Macpherson: Doug MacPherson completed teaching Advanced Coastal Navigation online for the District with Como Mike Maddox. Russ Kaiser taught the final mandated training course for the division for the year. Como Mike Maddox held an online risk management training session for the Division. 7 Division 3 members participated
- SO-NS: James Duncan: No activity due to stand-down
- SO-OP John Hardin: Training simulators Whenever a second boat is unavailable for on the water crew training, consider creating and using a training simulator. Pictured below is a simple "u" attached to a small piece of wood simulating boat trailer eye. While moored dockside, the trainee can practice attaching a skiff hook to the simulator being held by a crew member on the dock. The simulator can easily be moved about mimicking a vessel on the water. Please see the pictures below.
- SO-PA Richard Celia: Kevin Powers, SO-DV has through his great effort secured the pathway that has resulted in Flotillas 3-3, 3-5, and 3-10 each earning the NACO 3 STAR DIVERSITY AWARD He insured that all of the necessary paperwork, contacts and dates were adhered to and his effort has paid off handsomely as these 3 units will be so honored. All while still representing the AUX as a Partner for the Academy Program AND serving in the CA Military Reserve Maritime as a CPO during the current Pandemic. This man is a workhorse yet he does 90% of his work behind the scenes. He should be recognized for this effort,
- SO-PB Richard Celia: Newsletter posted
- SO-PE Don Anderson: Covid-19 stand-down. Instructors Workshop. Distance learning PE courses. Two members attained their initial Instructor Qualifications. The 2020 Boat America course now available for purchase.
- SO-PV Jim Goff: No PV activity to report. Have received a few calls from boat dealers requesting safety literature, but due to stand-down orders cannot make personal deliveries. May consider mailing materials as an alternative.
- SO-SR Celeste Bates: Minutes submitted
- SP-VE James Stewart: No in person activity. Bravo Zulu to Steven Perez 113-03-01 BEST response to an inquiry
- SO-HR: Vacant. Flotilla 3-1: Four Applications at DIRAUX- Three perspective members waiting to meet in person. Flotilla 3-3: We have 2 prospective members 1 has completed all his paperwork and test, 1 is completing his paperwork, due to "stand down" unable to meet with either for interview, citizenship verification and signing to be able to submit to DIRAUX. I am unable to suggest

they start any of their Mandated Training as they do not have a member # and do not have access to these sites. Flotilla 3-5: No losses or accessions. Contacts/leads with action: 1, Contacts/leads dropped: 0, We have 1 member in AP status.

- SO-DV: Kevin Powers: Dr. Schultz sent some exciting information. Flotillas 113-03-03, 113-03-05, 113-03-10, and Division 113-03 have all been awarded the NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity! This was a lot of work, but it's great to our Division and our Flotillas be recognized for the great work we're doing.

Projects

- FCs and VFCs Making contacts within

Future Activities

- Unknown until holds are lifted

Challenges

- Some Flotillas struggling to complete FSO positions
- Securing enough facilities for training and patrols
- Recruitment and retention through the shut down
- To find a way to continue our momentum through the virus quarenteens

Goals and Objectives

- Implement the recruitment and retention strategies being developed by HR and EXCOM
- Increase the number of surface facilities by 2
- Increase the number of Marine Safety-qualified members by 2
- Advance all members in IQ status to BQ (and scan for 'stuck' AP members)
- Secure funds for continuing lunch program at STE Rio Vista

3 ups-3 downs

- Up: D3 Flotillas are reaching out to members as "checkup" calls
- Up: Many training opportunities happening in virtual world
- Up: working on making more things "virtual" to keep things going such as PPE
- Down: not much happening during shut down
- Down: Need more facilities
- Down: need a quarantine end.....



Boat Trailer Eye Simulator



Boat Trailer Eye Simulator in Use (all courtesy of John Harden)

<End of report>
Respectfully Submitted,

Russ Kaiser

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