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IN THIS ISSUE

FROM THE QUARTERDECK

by JIM BLACKBURN, DCDR

I would like to introduce myself to those division members who do not know me yet. My name is Jim Blackburn, I am your newly elected Division 5 Commander. My desire is to try and get to know each and every one of you during my tenure. That will include attending some of your Flotilla meetings. I am also aware that most of you do not attend your Division meetings.

My intent is to make Division meetings informative and keep everyone as up to date as possible. So I invite everyone to attend any of the Division meetings. Division 5 meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 2000 hours at the Vallejo YC.

We were all new members once and with so many outstanding programs now offered through the Coast Guard Auxiliary our new members, and some older ones, need assistance in understanding all that is available to them. They are already excited to be in the Auxiliary, let's get them active as soon as possible. New members need mentors. The Auxiliary is a strange new world for most. Make the offer to help them attain their goals by at least setting them out on the correct path to success. Our biggest

assets are the members. One of my goals is maintain the strength of these assets.

As we start out the year, I have put together an outstanding Division staff that is there to assist you in any way. Your Flotilla leaders have also put into place a knowledgeable group of staff officers. They are also there to help you.

Flotilla leaders should be setting their goals and mission objectives for the year, and providing training opportunities in various program areas. Setting goals is not just an activity for the elected leaders: we should all be setting targets to work toward. If you have not thought of what your goals will be, or even if you have any goals, I would like to propose one for all Division 5 members as well as everyone else associated with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. That goal is to support your Flotilla.

Several Flotillas have their OPTREX 's already put into place. Take advantage of these learning sources; they are organized for your benefit. Please take advantage of them. And they always have a fellowship function associated with them. (continued on page 4)



Message from Vice Commander and Division Operations Officer

Welcome message from Division 5 Vice Commander, Tom Sarnicola shares his vision with the members. Bob Gallup, Division Operations Staff Officer, summarizes 2011 surface operation activities.

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Member Training by Glenn Hunter

Division Member Training Staff Officer, Glenn Michel Hunter shares his mission objectives, vision statement, and projected goals for 2012.

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Vice Division Commander Thomas Sarnicola

As Vice Division Commander my goal is to support our Commander, Jim Blackburn in the many varied and important missions carried out by the USCG Auxiliary.

To that end, the division is in the process of developing a member training session at the April OPTREX that will include classes as in past years and potentially a new prospective member class. Under the leadership of Glen Hunter each member should be receiving a member training survey.

In addition, I plan to encourage our members to attend various public events in support of the gold side and to make the Auxiliary known. Thus, in May I will be inviting all members to attend the Memorial Day observance on board the USS Hornet which is now a museum and docked in Alameda, and to attend the new USCG Cutter dedication ceremony in March.

Photo: Tom Sarnicola, member of Flotilla 57, elected Vice Division Commander of Division 5.



If each flotilla could recruit two to three new members in 2012 we will be able to provide the staffing needs for Auxiliary and develop leaders for our future.

I hope all of us can rededicate our time and commitment to the Auxiliary and to seek ways to make this great organization even better.

Semper Paratus

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TEAM RESPONSE: OPERATIONS

Bob Gallup, Division Operations Staff Officer

Division 5 had a very good year in Operations during 2011. The District Operations report for January 2012 shows 5400 hours of operations. Flotilla 55 led the way with many patrols on Bodega Bay, Lake Sonoma and Petaluma River with many assists. Flotilla 52 and 53 did many patrols on Lake Berryessa and had several assists. Flotillas 51 and 57 patrolled the waters of Suisun and San Pablo Bays and the San Joaquin River.

Coast Guard Stations Bodega Bay, Rio Vista and Vallejo made good use of Auxiliary boats for their training. The String O'Pearls was used for training of 26 Coast Guard and Sheriff boats at Brannan Island. Flotilla 53 provided boats for the weekly Coast Guard training at Rio Vista.

The Operations Training Exercise by Coast Guard Station Vallejo provided boat crew training and skills enhancement to about 40 boat crew. The Operations Exercises at Benicia and Coast Guard Station Bodega Bay provided many Qualification Examiner Check rides.

Flotillas 51 and 57 goals are to train and qualify new Crew and Coxswains. The Flotillas have only Five Coxswains and Eight Crew. Patrol schedules for Osprey and String O'Pearls have been prepared to assist in boat crew training and maintaining boat crew qualifications.



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PHOTOS



Helo-Ops with CHP

Beth Francis (FL52) prepares the Bowman bag for air-lift as CWO2 Danny Kilburger (left) prepares to receive the line. Aboard Napa County Sheriff Platform Boat



Johannes Pattiradjawane stands aft-watch aboard the Auxiliary Facility Osprey during a joint operations training with CGSTA Vallejo's 25-ft SAFE boat.

MEMBER SERVICES: MEMBER TRAINING

Glenn Hunter, Division Member Training Staff Officer



DCAPT Training at NTRAIN

Curtis Han, IPDCDR, attended the DCAPT training at National Training Conference, St. Louis, MO. (From left to right) Gary Derby, DCAPT D05S, Curtis Han, DCAPT 11NR, Daren Lewis, DCAPT D13

Mission Statement

To direct and conduct Division 5 Member Training Programs, in coordination with Division 5 Flotillas, in order to: meet our USCG/USCG Auxiliary mission requirements; promote member retention; and to provide a steady stream of qualified candidates to serve as instructors, VE/Program Visitor, boat crew and elected and appointed officers.

- Plan and coordinate at least two *Joint Operational Training Missions* with U.S. Coast Guard Station Vallejo and/or U.S. Coast Guard Station Rio Vista

2012 Plans

(as of January 2012; See Calendar for additional events)

January 2012 – *Division 5 Member Training Survey; Division 5 Member Training Strategic Plan*

April 2012 – *Division 5 OPTREX (Operational Training Exercise. Classroom and on-the water training). April 14, 2012 at USCG Station Vallejo, CA.*

June 2012 – *Division 5 QE (Boat Crew and Coxswain Qualifying Examiner Session. Dockside exam and on-the water check ride evaluation*

Vision Statement

To be recognized as one of top 2 Division's in District 11 Northern Region as measured by our mission results.

2012 Strategic Goals

- Plan and execute at least three *Auxiliary Specialty Courses*
- Organize and promote *Mentor Program*
- Plan and present one *Sexual Harassment Prevention* seminar
- Plan and present at least one 1-hour *Operations Workshop* and one 1-hour *TCT Refresher*
- Plan and present one *VE/PV Workshop*
- Plan and present one *Instructor Workshop*
- Plan and present at least one *Prospective Member Seminar*



FAST FACTS – 2011 ACTIVITIES

15%

14.5% of D11NR activities were performed by Division 5 39,156 member activity hours

74%

74% Division 5 member participation in 2011

2011 MISSION HOURS

Surface Operation	5,400
CG Admin/Op Support	3,792
Public Education	798
PV/VE (1714 visits/1533 exams)	1,850



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This February 18 & 19 the PCA, Past Commander's Association, will be held at

Coast Guard Island. I invite all of you to attend and participate. It's a great learning opportunity for new and old members alike. Take advantage of the availability of these classes, they are also put on for your benefit.

I hope to see everyone in Monterey, March 16 – 18, at this year's District Training Conference, And make your reservations soon, as there is only so many rooms blocked out for this function. But there are other rooms available very close by. It looks to be a great time, so don't miss it!!

It's still not setup yet but I plan on having a guest speaker, ASC Bob Hendry, come to one of the Division meeting and get us all educated on the EVERBRIDGE system. More to follow.

April is already setup for Vivian from Cal Boating and waterways to present the Dockwalker program. Note: this meeting will start at 1900!!

And May brings with it National Safe Boating Week, Your Vice Division Commander Tom Sarnicola is your Division Chairman for this event The National Safe Boating Week offers 7 days of opportunities to bring Boating education to the public.

Ideas include: discussions at yacht clubs, public education classes, *Coastie* visits to schools, VSCs, and boating safety booths at malls and marinas are just some of the ways we've been involved in NSBW in recent years. If you work regularly with a small-boat station, help them coordinate an open house for their station during NSBW and invite other agencies to attend. Include the Parks Service, local Sheriff and Fire Boats, games for kids, model boat enthusiasts, Auxiliary patrol and communications facilities and lifejacket displays.

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The rumors about revising the all Auxiliary standing rules are TRUE!! Here is the Quote as I have received:

"With the issuance of the latest version of the Auxiliary Manual late last year comes one new 2012 obligation for every unit in the Auxiliary. Each District, Division and Flotilla will need to adopt new standing rules to conform to the policies and procedures promulgated in the new Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1G.

Our standing rules are our bylaws, the first level guide to how we conduct our unit's administrative activities and governance. Up to date standing rules can help eliminate confusion and controversy as we go about our organizational business. While the Manual and other policies articulated by the Commandant govern in any event, having a current set of standing rules readily accessible to your members is certainly a best practice. Everyone should have a copy of their Flotilla standing rules.

The current versions of the Nationally-approved unit standing rules can be found on the National Legal web page at,

http://cgaux.org/leadership/chief_counsel.php

And lastly, TURN YOUR HOURS IN. After all, we count on the funding we get by the hours we log-in. I am fairly certain that each year we lose many recorded hours because it is just too much time out of our schedule. Punch a time clock so to speak. It's just a necessary evil. But it's a BIG, BIG benefit when it comes to Congressional funding. After all, why would they fund a program when they see nothing has been done, that's the perception if YOU DON'T TURN IN HOURS, because if you don't it's the same as if you did not participate at all, and that my shipmates is a shame. Therefore, I propose A 2012 Vision would be to increase the actual total hours we enter into AUXDATA.

SEMPER PARATUS,

JIM BLACKBURN

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FC55	Jeff Tuttle	FC57	Cynthia Perazzo	DCAPT	Rich Thomas (Div 8)

DIVISION 5 STAFF MEMBERS

OPERATIONS/MARINE SAFETY

SO-CM Daniel Tinney
 SO-MS Herbert Hoesser
 SO-NS Larry Kubo
 SO-OP Bob Gallup

MEMBER SERVICES

SO-CS Kevin Malloy
 SO-FN James Minkel
 SO-HR Marlene Phifer
 SO-IS Jim Blackburn
 SO-MA Lewis Derfuss
 SO-MT Glenn Hunter
 SO-PB Curtis Han
 SO-SR Michael Ungersma

PREVENTION/RBS

SO-PA Gary Murray
 SO-PE Douglas Burke
 SO-PV Wilfred Sumner
 SO-VE Robert Smith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – DIVISION 5 & DISTRICT 11NR

DATES	EVENTS	INFORMATION
02 FEB	Division 5 Board and Staff Meeting	Vallejo Yacht Club @ 2000
18-19 FEB	Past Captains Training Fair	CGI, Alameda
01 MAR	Division 5 Board and Staff Meeting	Vallejo Yacht Club @ 2000
16-18 MAR	District Training Conference	Monterey, CA
31 MAR	USCGC Stratton Commissioning	CGI, Alameda
05 APR	DOCKWALKER TRAINING Division 5 Board and Staff Meeting	Vallejo Yacht Club @ 1900
14 APR	Division 5 Operation Training Exercise (No QE)	CGSTA Vallejo
03 MAY	Division 5 Board and Staff Meeting	Vallejo Yacht Club @ 2000
19-25 MAY	National Safe Boating Week	POC: Tom Sarnicola, VCDR
02 JUN	INLAND LAKE BLITZ	POC: Bob Smith, SO-VE
07 JUN	Division 5 Board and Staff Meeting	Vallejo Yacht Club @ 2000
09 JUN	Division 5 OPTREX - QE Event	CGSTA Vallejo

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