

Division Five February 4th Meeting Minutes

Division Board Meeting

DCAPT(E) Capt. Jackson was present

Budget was discussed. See below.

All Flotillas were represented at the Board meeting and a Quorum was available for voting purposes.

Financial issues were discussed as well as membership and mandatory training.

Only Division that has sent in all our financial forms.

Got to work on FSO and SO interactions. Face-to-face not just e-mail. FCs pass down to FSOs to interact with the SOs. Identify either FSOs or SOs not performing as needed.

All but one flotilla have PA officers. How public finds out about us. Frans new in the SO-PA role. Need to know what Flotillas are doing to have other Flotillas invited to events to breed more relationships between flotillas and help in training. Big events should be advertised to Division or at least neighboring Flotillas. Don't have manning to do everything we need to do on our own. We need to find out why Flotillas not working together. Need FSO-PAs to keep Frans informed. Frans leading Safe Boating Week group. May 18-19th Wetherbee school event Frans is working.

2017 draft budget:

Goals: did pretty good overall, PE did well. Many Flotillas 2-3 in ABS class. VE not met goal due to algae blooms (18/2400). Mission hours down (also algae). Down on coxswains, crews, facilities nationwide. Working people have little time for qualifications. People tired of all the requirements. After 5 years if lapse requalify, otherwise make up hours. Need to address misinformation. Make up last year to restore REYR status (12 hours). FCs have to then contact Help desk to reset status. AUXDATA on life support. Need to be able to track instructor hours. Need to put in 7030s for instructing. Overall goals 15% above 2016 actual.

Monthly financial report made. \$11958.10 ending balance in 2016. Current \$11913.10.

Capt. Jackson: Trying to get stations to use Auxiliary more. Operations numbers way down this sector. Local stations are very busy. Don't request CGA orders. When we work with them the relationship gets better. Unasked question how to get people out to PE classes? Need talking points for FCs on difficult subjects. ABS class numbers down. Get \$5 for online course. Aux Association pushing them to go online when Flotillas only get \$5. Not believed to be effective training. Get recruits from classroom class. Students get questions answered in class.

Flotilla 58 has upcoming February 25 10 AM Nature Fest at Manatee Center at Fort Pierce Marina.

Awaiting a call from the club on the 2nd December for COW.

February 11th Loxahatchee Everglades Day.

AUXWEATHER course at 54.

District behind on PPE, on one year waiver. District DIRAUX office small for biggest and busiest unit.

Division 5 General Meeting – 2 February 2017

All Flotillas except 56 were represented at the Division General Meeting. (Two staff officers from 56 present.)

Below is the Division Agenda and the associated reports to the February meeting.

A Quorum was present to conduct any necessary votes.

DIVISION 5 MEETING AGENDA – FEBRUARY 4 2016
0900 – 1000 DIVISION 5 BOARD MEETING

1000 - 1200 GENERAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER TOM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - GARY

INVOCATION - TOM

ROLL CALL & QUORUM (SILENT)

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL BOARD

Moved, seconded, and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVAL BOARD

Budget reports for August, October, January. Moved, seconded, and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS TOM BUTLER

No guests in attendance. DCAPT (E) Jackson in attendance as leadership.

Captain Jackson's remarks:

New team at District, Jackson only holdover. Judith new commodore. Focus on training. Listen, learn, and lead are her watchwords. Goal to try and bridge gap to move awareness down and issues up. Commandant signed new National strategic plan. Looking for double food service, chaplain, medical support. Operations not in the plan, considered "mature program". Documented process for next two years for awards.

Commander Butlers remarks.

Posting presentation and minutes online.

Introduced FCs/VFCs.

Need to reach out to other Flotillas to use resources and train and build relationships. Involve other Flotillas early in events. Need to understand why other Flotilla not participating. Need to install into FSOs.

Leadership training: look at available classes. AUXLAMs entry level, needed for AUXOPS. Coast Guard courses. Have them local. AMLOC next level. AULOC subsequent level. Encourage members to complete. How to manage as a business. Build your bench, people who will be filling future leadership roles.

NACO 3 star is big push. Want to get all flotillas in. Holeva discussed issue with Flotillas earlier this year. Very important because it is the right way to manage. Currently working with three Flotillas, optimistic can reach goals. Includes fellowship activities. Can get from Flotilla records. Recruiting booths count as well. Need to meet 4/6 goals but part of normal CGA process, just have to document. Holeva available to help, will go to Flotilla and meet if needed. Sending out a blank form to FCs. June 30th is submission date (1 July to June 30th).

56 at 90% for MT, eligible for NACO award.

FC Reports and Staff reports were given. Highlights were as follows.

Flotilla 51:

1. Participated in fair for anti-drowning.
2. 2 patrols.
3. Making headway contacting Sea Partners (marine safety, environmental protection).
4. 3 new member applications.

Flotilla 57:

1. Problem in Operations, don't have certified members to train uncertified members. Need to get with other Flotillas for crew member assistance. End of February practice and March QE.
2. Good placement at fair.

The Flotilla 59:

1. Interest is up at Flotilla 59. For whatever reason we are seeing a general overall increase in member participation in PA and MT events. The goal is to keep pushing the interests in Boat Crew, Vessel Safety Checks, Program Visitations and Public Education.
2. Public Education activities started off the year great including 14 ABS Students (1 Class) and 9 GPS students (2 Classes). Classes held at the Flotilla 59 Building. Winning Combo appears to be Internet PayPal and lower prices (\$25 for all Courses). For February we gave a Navigation Seminar and ABS Class.

3. Program Visitations started the year with one new member qualified as a visitor and 71 visits for the month.
4. Operations/Communications included 1 Watchstanding Mission in support of a MOM Patrol. Both Operations and Communications included trainees. Down to two coxswains (one at end of year). 2 facilities.
5. Public Affairs activities included participation in the annual Stuart Boat Show which is a 3-day event with participation of USCG Station Fort Pierce with their presentation "What to Expect When Being Boarded by the USCG." In total 19 members of Flotilla 59 participated in the event.
6. Flotilla members participated in the Weatherbee School Student Meeting event on 19 and 20 January.
7. Flotilla members continue to plan for the 75th Anniversary event to be held at the Flotilla Building. Scheduled for 29 Apr 2017.
8. Mark Gaisford provided support at Station Fort Pierce as a watchstander.
9. Member training saw the largest increase in the past 4 years. 17 members attended the 4-hr TCT class at Flotilla 59; 15 members attended the PPE Inventory meeting for inspection and assignment of available equipment; 1 Watchstander trainee and 10 members signing on for Boat Crew Training (New, RERY and up for QE). Held one MOM Patrol with 2 trainees.
10. Members Dave Elliott and Wilson Riggan – In one of the first trainings of the year, Dave and Wilson lead a 4-hr TCT in the small Members Training Room at Flotilla 59 while the District held training in the Large Room. The quarters were tight but the members worked through and learned a lot about themselves and others. Great Job – Dave and Wilson. Good participation at Stuart Boat Show. Passed out over 750 bags.

Flotilla 52:

1. Working on Diversity award.
2. Jupiter Jubilee in progress.
3. On public TV, in paper.
4. 10 in ABS class.
5. Met with mayor to do TV spot.
6. Boating Skills and Seamanship Class in March for instructors, class in April.

Flotilla 54:

1. Ramping up PE, good January class.
2. Ramping up MT, 8 in boat crew training. Teaming up with 51.
3. Everglades Day at Loxahatchee February 11th.
4. New AUXWEATHER class Feb-March (5 nights).
5. 8 patrols.
6. February 18th at Lake Worth CPR/First Aid training.
7. Recruiting well, half dozen in pipeline. Maintaining numbers.

Flotilla 58:

1. Held ABS class and meeting.
2. Rolling out Diversity topic each meeting.
3. Made presentation to St. Lucie Historical Society on Flotilla history.
4. Naturefest coming up.
5. Safety festival at Mets stadium on 29 March. Growing, all government agencies attend.
6. Looking to get grant for 60 second media spot on TV20. Canned PSA spots available.
7. Class for St. Lucie COP volunteers on boating/paddleboat safety.
8. Working to get USCGA in with Bass Pro Shops.
9. Boat crew training QE on 22nd.

Flotilla 56:

1. No coxswains, 3 crew members.

SO-PV:

1. New paddlecraft stickers available.
2. Need roster of partners working with.
3. Need to highlight if grants available.
4. Putting together recognition for PVs.
5. Chris Abernathy 420 PVs, Jim Stone 320, Bowerman 252 (1013 for F59).
 Flotilla 57 - 15 Partners so far.
 Flotilla 56 - total of 30 PV's.
 Flotilla 54 - Engaged Program Visits, to date we have approximately 25. Establishing a record of all PV participants info for AOR. Emailed qualified Program Visitors in our Flotilla.
 Flotilla 59 - 71 Dealer Visits to date. Invited SO-PV to Wetherbee School outreach. A new Program Visitor was added in January.
 Flotilla 51 - Chris Abernathy plan is to go out and make his calls one day a month.
 Flotilla 52 - been in contact with our Flotilla PV's reviewing Partners, goals for this year, and strategies to accomplish our mission. Flotilla 52 working a major event called the Jupiter Jubilee today, Feb. 4th.
 Flotilla 58 - 11 PV's this month.
6. From DCAPT (E) Jackson: 10 recent paddleboat deaths, emphasis on new CGA program. Lot of resources expended on SAR. 3rd in lost lives. Look for Flotilla members who do that.

SO-CM:

1. Getting with Flotillas to see what help they need. No responses. Call FSOs to follow up. Gary/Tom will work with FCs.
2. Looking for CM staff reports, received 4/7. Little detail on reports. Radio checks need to be at a distance.
3. Will coordinate with mobile units.
4. Using form 7004 to document reference points.

SO-CS:

1. Plugging MyCGAux.com, want people to play with it.
2. FSOs are reporting in. Updating PE classes on website.
3. Only 3 or so air sites (including 56) still existing.
4. Will work with any flotilla for help.
5. Division 5 calendar is gmail calendar. Flotillas should link to Division calendar.

SO-DV:

1. Good start to Diversity award.
2. Don't have to be big things to qualify for Diversity events.

SO-HR:

1. 30 new members in January.
2. Lot of interest in E-responder, calls never returned.
3. Holeva has to contact them first, can then have local FSO-HR to follow up.
4. Holeva screens for age and citizenship and finds right Flotillas they may be interested in. Sometimes don't respond to call backs and e-mails.
5. Flotillas can have form on their web sites and do local recruiting, Carl not needed to be involved.

SO-FN:

1. In good shape.

SO-MA:

1. Different EPIRBs received. Will be going back to bigger ones that work better. Some for everybody.

SO-IS:

1. In good shape. Trainee in 56 doing a good job. Putting in paperwork for AUX10 course.
2. Up to date on all inputting.

SO-MT:

1. Talk to FSOs to invite other flotillas to participate in training.
2. Most classes are going online and not having to meet other members in Flotilla which affects esprit de corps. Do classroom sessions where possible unless exigent circumstances.

SO-PA:

1. Flotillas into spring festival planning. Heard more from FCs than PA officers. Ensure FSO-PAs are working with SO-PA.
2. 59 had Stuart Boat Show with CG Station Fort Pierce showing up including what to expect when boarded by USCG.
3. 51 had two members 24 hours each for anti-drowning at fair.
4. Trying to get PAs out to other organizations and cross-pollinate. Not our enemies, let them know what we're doing.

5. 58 talking to local CAP squadrons and talking with them about CGA.
6. Work with local newspapers and advertising.
7. Meeting at Fort Pierce station for open house and anniversary. Multiple flotillas involved.

SO-PE:

1. Not present.

SO-SR:

1. Reached out to all FSO-SRs with requirements.
2. Please copy me on reports before meetings.

SO-VE:

1. Lag in reports from AUXDATA.
2. Put together VE staff meeting February 11th at 59. Experienced people needed to attend to help new people. Bowerman to attend.

Division Commander:

Reviewed goals progress. Good PE, down in Ops. 15% increase goal.

Reviewed mandated training status. Overall Division at 72%. Have FSO-MT to work with non-completers, finish or disenroll.

Old Business:

Verify roster, all disenrollments should be processed.
We were first Division to get end of year financial reports in.

Division meeting schedules:

- 4 Feb
- 6 May
- 5 Aug
- 7 Oct elections
- 2 Dec CoW (TBD)

National Safe Boating Week:

- Frans committee lead
- Coordinate with stations and FLs for maximum effect

75th Anniversary for FL58 and FL59

- 8 April

NACON

- 20-27 August, Rosen Center, Orlando

- Get to see a lot of high ranking individuals including Commandant.

DTRAIN

- 14-17 September, Hilton, Daytona Beach

New Business:

Future Meetings 6 May 2017 board at 0930 1000 general meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55.

Division Vice-Commander
Staff Officer Report

4 February 2016

From: Vice Division Commander, Division 5

To: Division Commander, Division 5

Subj: Activity Report for - 1 January 2017 to 31 January 2017

1. MEETINGS, CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS:

Vice Division Commander: NSBW, NACON, DTRAIN

2. ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, TRAINING, AND EVENTS:

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Highlight any unique PA support your division has provided to Coast Guard missions.

USCG Station Fort Pierce participated each day with Flotilla 59 at the Stuart Boat Show by presenting "What to Expect When Being Boarded by the USCG"

Meeting scheduled 7FEB2017 at STA FP to plan a combination open house and 75th anniversary of Auxiliary flotillas on the Treasure Coast.

What have the flotillas in your area done to promote the brand and knowledge of the Auxiliary to the public, where it has not been promoted previously?

Two members from 51 worked 6 days for a total of 48 hours at the County Fair for the "Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County" to educate the public on the importance of drowning prevention. In addition they handed out literature and flyers promoting all we do in the Auxiliary.

Plans are being made for festivals and shows by all flotillas for the spring months.

What groups or organizations have the flotillas in your area spoken to, or made presentations to, about the Auxiliary?

Flotilla 58 is having conversations with two local Civil Air Patrol squadrons about addressing one of their future meetings.

Newspaper articles, articles in Auxiliary newsletters (any level), radio spots, TV PSAs or interviews, etc.

3 flotillas have contacted local newspapers to advertise/announce upcoming ABS classes. One flotilla has published it's ABS schedule in the local paper.

Flotilla 51 was part of a WPBF TV interview and also was taped for 30 minutes in a question and answer session with the Mayor of Jupiter that was broadcast on JUPRADIO.

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3. ASSISTANCE AND MEMORANDA FURNISHED TO FLOTILLAS
SO-CS: Available for assistance to flotillas.
SO-IS: Helping FL56 member in IS training.

4. MISSIONS AND CG SUPPORT:

SO-OP: AIR MISSIONS

FL-54 flew 7 air missions, which represented 29 hrs of airtime. They also provided 12 hrs of watch duty for the Coast Guard. FL-56 flew 3 air missions for 9.5 hours. Two (2) patrols were MOM patrols and one was a training patrol.

MARINE OPERATIONS

FL-54 provided a patrol Dec 9 for the Boynton Police monitoring the Christmas Parade. FL-58 conducted two (2) patrols for STAFP to help train their new crewmembers. On both patrols the flotilla provided the "dead boat" for towing practice.

Flotilla Activities during the Month of December:

In addition to the activities named above which were in direct support of the Coast Guard in their various missions, Division 5 flotillas were busy getting crew and or Coxswains recertifies or certified. The following activities were mentioned in their reports:

- FL-51 conducted 5 routine boat patrols.
- FL-54 and 56 did not conduct and training patrols during the month.
- FL-58 conducted 3 training patrols in Dec. primarily to provide opportunities for FL -58 and FL 56 crew to accumulate requisite hours for the year.

There were no reported marine operation activities for Flotillas 52, 56, 57 & 59.

January Missions and Support:

AIR MISSIONS

FL-54 flew 8 air missions, which represented 23.7 hrs of airtime.

FL-56 flew 2 air missions. Two (1) patrols was MOM patrol verifying the location of a derelict vessel and the other was a logistical mission for a memorial service at Air Station Miami.

MARINE OPERATIONS

FL-54 provided a patrol to collect red-tide water samples

FL-58 supplied a patrol for STAFP crew training. The Flotilla activity was to be a “dead boat” for towing training.

FI-59 conducted one MOM patrol.

Other Flotilla Activities during the Month:

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- FL-51 conducted 2 PWC patrols.
- FL-54 conducted 1 patrol for crew training
- FL-57 conducted an OPS Workshop and reports that 3/5 of their qualified crew/cox have completed the course.
- There were no reported marine operation activities for Flotillas 52, 56, & 57.

Flotilla Issues:

Flotillas are still working on increasing crew, coxswain and facility numbers. Many Flotillas are lacking qualified crew, coxswains or facilities and will be drawing on neighboring Flotillas to provide resources (crew and/or facilities) when needed. For instance, Flotilla 56 has no coxswains and will rely on Flotilla 58 to keep their 3 crew qualified with patrols to maintain qualifications with a minimum of 12 hours of patrols for the year. Flotilla 58 is using Flotilla 59 for a vessel and crew as a dead boat for coxswain and crew qualifications. Last year, Flotilla 52 was using Flotilla 51 to keep their crew qualified and will need to maintain this relationship this year.

Flotilla Requested Assistance:

No specific requests have been received at this time.

5. ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FROM LEADERSHIP TO UNIT PROBLEMS:

SO-PA:

6. MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES:

SO-MT: