



# UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

## District 7 Division 17

### Florida Space Coast

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**TO: DCDR, Division 17, John Holmes**

**FROM: VCDR, Division 17, Jim Parker**

**SUBJECT: January 2017 Monthly Staff Report**

#### 1) **SO-MA, Billy Enfinger:**

Discussed the use of the supply catalog and procedures for ordering supplies with FSO-MAs.

Email sent to all FSO-MAs asking for FSO monthly reports by the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month.

All Flotillas either had no material requests or all supplies requested were ordered.

The SO-MA attended the initial 2017 Division meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, his home Flotilla's (17-11) first meeting of 2017 on January 12<sup>th</sup>, and represented the Auxiliary at the Veteran's Meeting held on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2) **SO-OPs, Jack Miller**

Responding to a request from the Coast Guard for two Auxiliary Units, SO-OPs put out a call for facilities and crews to assist with the TICO Airshow to be held on 10 – 12 March from 1500 -1700 each day and featuring the USAF Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration Team. 7 facilities with crews have volunteered to assist and support the Coast Guard. Standby for more information from OPs regarding this event.

Also, an announcement was made regarding a port visit by the USCG Training Barque EAGLE, arriving on 31 May and departing on 4 June. More information regarding possible escort duties, AIM, and PA and open house hours for the ship will be forthcoming.

Sector Jacksonville is once again requiring all coxswains to complete 4 night hours to maintain their qualifications. If you are going to take a QE for coxswain ensure you have the four hours prior to 26 December 2017. The hours will be logged and maintained by the SO-OP. Currently, there is no requirement to have the hours observed by the Active Duty. Don't forget, per policy, any night time patrol requires an additional certified crewman on board.

#### 3) **SO-MT, Nevin Lantry**

A mandatory Surface Operations Workshop will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 1130 hours hosted by Flotilla 17-11 (Orlando/Winter Park) in Auditorium B at the Orlando VA Health Clinic, 5201 Raymond Street, in Winter/Baldwin Park. According to D7 policy, this workshop is mandatory for any operations personnel who wish to receive orders NLT 1

June 2017. Any member who has not completed the workshop by that date will be REWR, and if not completed by 31 December will be REYR and denied orders. In addition to the workshop, Dr. Stephen Henkind will present important medical information for your safety and comfort of operations members and Mr. Carl Motes, a watchstander at Station Port Canaveral will give a presentation on professional communications as Auxiliary Boat Crews.

**4) R&SS (PPE), Jim Parker:**

The Division R&SS Officer has received an allotment of PPE gear in January from the additional budget found at the end of 2016. An announcement of the gear's availability was issued in January and some of the gear is bespoke for from requests by FSOs. Any Flotilla R&SS Officer who needs gear send Jim Parker (srf506@yahoo.com) your needs and gear will be matched to those requirements as it becomes available. In addition, all Flotillas are requested to send your "wish list" to Mr. Parker so when the CG determines it has additional funding we can give them a prioritized list quickly and utilize the funds to get the equipment we need. This also includes PPE gear you might need to replace on facilities as well (Life rings and heaving lines for example).

At the recent QE meeting with District 7's OTO, Bosun Perry, he has informed us that by July he will be ensuring Ready For Operations (RFO) type inspections will be conducted at the Flotillas in order to ensure their equipment meets the requirements and the records are being properly maintained. All FCs are urged to do a pre-inspection of their Flotillas to ensure they are in compliance. Any Flotilla failing these inspections will probably result in having their ability to pull orders and conduct surface patrols suspended until corrective action has taken place.

**5) SO-HR, Sharon Breece:**

A new process to be followed by Commanders when requesting a waiver for FSO or SO positions has been issued. DCDR Holmes issued this to all FCs.

A new report from the Measurements Department has been created which will give all levels of command information regarding the status of AP members. The reports will detail AP members with a positive PSI but incomplete mandatory Training and AP members with a favorable PSI and having completed their mandatory training. This will allow FCs and FSO-MTs to concentrate on getting their AP members through the mandatory training.

**6) SO-NS, Mike Kanis:**

The DSO requested all SOs to submit their 2017 plans and priorities. Division 17 complied and no response has been received from District.

The 2017 Light List is available on-line for any man who desires it.

PATON verifications in the AOR will be the priority for 2017. ANT Ponce is fully supporting this effort.

Recruitment of new AVs is also a priority and PQS classes will be starting in April for any persons interested in the specialty.

An orientation class for coxswains and boat crews is in planning to assist them with what is and is not a discrepancy, reporting requirements, and bridge inspections. Announcements will be forthcoming soon.

Direct support of approximately 18 hours was provided ANT Ponce. Tasks included maintenance and upkeep of a PATON database and organization of PATON files and preparation for the RFO inspection to be conducted in February.

**7) SO-PV, Robert Diccio**

Two members were recertified in January and are now active again.

In March a PV workshop will be conducted on 9 March at the Flotilla 17-06 Building. Contact Robert Diccio ([rdiccio@gmail.com](mailto:rdiccio@gmail.com)) for more info.

Goals for each Flotilla have been established. The Division goal is 690 visits, 80 (12%) have been completed through Jan 2017. Currently, the Division has 154 partners and 21 certified PVs.

**8) SO-VE, Gary Powers:**

Stickers for 2017 have been distributed and should have been received by all Flotillas.

On February 25<sup>th</sup>, a VE event will be held by Flotilla 17-11. The event will be held at R.D. Keene Park, 10900 Chase Road, Windermere, FL 34786. It will begin at 0900. Uniform will be full ODUs with boots. This will be a total effort to perform VEs, instructing newcomers to the VE program, and fellowship. Anyone interested contact Mr. John Bennett at [johnbennettaux@gmail.com](mailto:johnbennettaux@gmail.com).

**9) SO-MS, Gary Gunter:**

The MS group has performed 4 Pollution Trailer and General Maintenance Missions for the MSD to-date.

Flotilla 17-2 will host a UPV Division Training and Blitz Event on 25 February.

AAW Presentation will be held at the HSBC facility in Port Canaveral on 2/16.

The major effort underway, at this time, is the preparation of a "Mass Rescue Contingency Plan" for Port Canaveral tasked by Sector Jacksonville. This is a one-year minimum development project currently tracking to schedule. The Draft OPLN is complete and will be submitted to Sector for its review.

**10) SO-PE, Dan McIntyre:**

An Auxiliary Leadership and Management School (AUXLAMs), consisting of parts A and B is currently in works. At least 15 members are required to hold the class and currently 11 have expressed interest. Elected leaders will have first priority, followed by any member in a leadership role (appointed officers). Contact Dan McIntyre at [d7mcintyre@aol.com](mailto:d7mcintyre@aol.com) for more info.

## **11) SO-PB, Jules Moquin:**

Anyone interested in assisting Jules publish the Division's newsletter, please contact him at [moquinj2639@hotmail.com](mailto:moquinj2639@hotmail.com). Some experience using computerized publishing programs and editing would be helpful but not a necessity. All FSO-PBs are reminded to submit articles and pictures of their flotilla's activities to Jules monthly. Any member interested in writing an article regarding a specialty or special events they have attended please contact Jules. The article doesn't have to be lengthy and be sure to enclose an action photo or two if possible.

## **Events and General Announcements:**

### **1) Heavy Weather Plan Updates**

Sector Jacksonville has begun working on the 2017 Heavy Weather Plan. ASC Sector Jacksonville sent out ANNEX S from 2016. The Division is to go through the plan and update it with Division Contact Names, Lead Contacts and Marinas in our AOR. This is an ASAP request so Sector can incorporate our changes into their plan. FCs should contact the DCDR or VDCDR if you don't have a copy of the Annex.

### **2) AUXFS Training**

Any member interested in training to become AUXFS certified, the required initial training will be held March 24 – 26, 2017 at CG Air Station Clearwater. Anyone interested should contact Kim Davis, ADSO-FS/Sector St. Petersburg ([kimdlegal@aol.com](mailto:kimdlegal@aol.com)) by 01 March 2017.

### **3) HAZWOPER Class**

A HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response) class will be held Wednesday, 15 February, at the Deland Elks Lodge, 150 S. Clara Avenue, Deland, FL 32721 starting at 0900. The class is for 8-hours and bring a lunch or you can purchase lunch at one of several nearby fast food establishments. Any man interested should contact Martin Goodwin ([marty@ganii.com](mailto:marty@ganii.com)).

### **4) International Affairs:**

Joseph Bonaccorse put out an announcement to all the Division regarding several job vacancies on the National Staff in the International Affairs Directorate. As of this report, at least two Division personnel have responded to Mr. Bonaccorse regarding interest in this area.

This Concludes the January Division Staff Report.

V/R,

Jim Parker

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