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The following is a summary of activity in our Division for the month of August 2015.

Events of note: Sector Jax initiated the heavy weather plan for the first time this hurricane season due to “Erika” good response from all flotillas and county EOC centers manned by USCGAUX assigned staff.

Armando Harwood has been appointed assistant DDSL for Division 17. All applications are to be sent to him. The change will expedite the processing of applications.

A SAR mission on 27AUG15 was activated by the USCG for a downed aircraft. The USCGAUX SAR team assisted with locating the debris field from the aircraft and other USCG and law enforcement units recovered the deceased pilot.

Flotilla 17-06 has grown significantly and is approaching 90 members. Negotiations are in progress to renew the lease related to the Flotilla Building at Lee Wenner Park. 17-06

and under the leadership of FSO-PV Robert Diccico has completed 304 program visits and surpassed their goal for the year.

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SO-CM Pete Anderson: District staff held 6 -D7 HF nets with 55 participants and District staff conducted 4 regional nets with 34 participants. Division staff provided 84 hours of watch standing at station Canaveral this month and Flotilla 17-09 has two new radio facilities one is VHF and the other is HF.

SO-CS Donna Miller: Division web site current and routinely updated with Division meeting and event dates.

SO-FN Donna Miller: All Financial reports completed year to date and ongoing assistance to Flotilla FN staff as needed.

SO-HR Sharon Breeze: Overall Division membership remains at 276 members. Currently 6 new applicants processing in various flotillas (4 in 17-06) at this time.

SO-IS Barbara Carolus: notice sent by IS staff to members needing to update information in USCGAUX Directory and a reminder to provide mission code on 7030 forms.

SO-MA Richard Barada: Provided Federal and State regulations pamphlets to various flotillas and stamps as well.

SO-MS Gary Gunter: The MSD team provided ongoing support to the Marine Safety Detachment at USCG Station Port Canaveral this month in multiple areas. Monthly inspections and testing of response equipment and the generator was completed. The pollution response trailer was inspected and equipment tested as well. The walkways were power washed at the MSD building and observation of life raft repacking continued this month as well. MSD staff continue to assist and document safety exams on UPVs, CFV and CTV. The MSD team also assisted significantly with support for Coast Guard day at Station Canaveral.

SO-MT Dan McIntyre: Reminder provided to Division on completing mandatory courses with recommendation on methods available to Flotillas in order to complete these courses by year end. Copies of the Division heavy weather plan distributed as part of the recent stand up related to “ERIKA”.

SO-NS Joseph Bonaccorse: 10 hours of support provided to Station Ponce ANT team by Division staff. Ongoing training with Flotilla members this month and several approaching level of competence required for PQS.

SO-OP Jack Miller: SAR mission completed regarding downed aircraft on 27AUG15. 11 exams for Coxswain and Boat Crew completed this month with great success. Request received to assist Station Canaveral in late September with two events notice sent to Division regarding these upcoming events.

SO-PA Fredrick Scholz: Division staff manned a PA booth at the Orlando Boat Show and discussed upcoming events with event staff regarding upcoming parades in the next few months. PA staff attended ribbon cutting for the new Sea Tow facility and have begun the planning process for multiple winter events.

SO-PB John Kachenmeister: reports received from two Flotillas and newsletters completed for 17-06 and 17-11

SO-PE Jules Moquin: ABS classes held in three Flotillas this month. Recent loss of two young boys has generated increased interest in our ABS classes. The School program started in 17-06 will continue again as school has started up again in Brevard County.

SO-PV Mark Perni: MDV up significantly due to the outstanding performance of 17-06 under the leadership of FSO-PV Robert Diccico. The established goal of 220 visits has been exceeded by over 100 additional visits.

SO-VE Gary Powers: VE decals requested from various flotillas and information provided on how to order more decals. VE inspections ongoing in all Flotillas overall number of inspections down compared to prior year however percentage of passing inspections up by 4% compared to prior year.

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