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SUBJECT: DIV-17 S.O. REPORTS**

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

Events of note:

Our SO-DV staff officer Richard Navas has relocated to Arizona We wish him well and are actively looking for a replacement.

Off shore Boat races went well. 5 Division Vessel facilities assisted at this event. 3 assisted off shore and 2 remained at the turn basin.

New application form use now mandatory for all new applicants.

Marine Dealer visits division stats show a significant increase year to date compared to 2014. 377 visits in 2014 compared to 519 an increase of 142 visits for the same time period.

Multiple Flotillas held special events for safe boating week. Proclamations presented to various flotillas from the following Cities and Counties: Palm Bay, Melbourne, Brevard County, Orlando, and Orange County and Winter Park.

FC and FSO-PA from 17-06 were interviewed on a local radio talk show promoting boating safety during boating safety week.

S.O. Reports

SO-CM Pete Anderson: 32 hours of watch standing at station Canaveral this month. Division HF nets very active with 6 HF nets held with 45 stations participating.

SO-CS Donna Miller: continuing to maintain liaison with Flotilla FSO-CS staff. Division Web site current with SO-reports listed on our member only section.

SO-FN Donna Miller: all payments and financial transactions completed for division financial obligations.

SO-HR Sharon Breeze: processing 6 applicants from various flotillas at this time. Total number of members equal to last year at this time.

SO-IS Barbara Carolus: continuing to maintain liaison with Flotilla FSO-IS staff. No current concerns.

SO-MA Richard Barada: Maintaining liaison with Flotilla FSO-MA staff. Assisted with ordering decals for VE team and other decals in English and Spanish.

SO-MS Gary Gunter : The MS team continued providing support to the MSD at station Canaveral in the following areas : Inspection, maintenance, testing of response equipment, , testing of emergency generators, power washing walls and ongoing CFV and UPV inspections and life raft inspections as well. Flotillas in the division are working on a video and a Sea Partners program and continue to issue learning tips by e-mail for training purposes.

SO-MT Dan McIntyre: The Winter Park Police Department has requested assistance with small boat training. The request is under consideration at this time. Boat Crew training completed QE dates being set up.

SO –NS Joe Bonaccorse: 2 AV patrols this month also BM2 Davis did a presentation for flotilla 17-02. Div-17 continues to support the ANT unit at Station Ponce on a regular basis logging 48 hours in the month of May.

SO-OP Jack Miller: support provided to Station Canaveral for the offshore boat race consisted of 5 Div-17 vessel facilities the event was a success due in

large part to the USCGAUX support. Crew class completed and QE qualifications being set up. Required night Qualifications for Coxswain staff being set up as well. The Guardian a well know Division 17 AUX- Vessel facility is once again back under power and stands ready to serve as a USCGAUX approved Vessel facility.

SO-PA Fredrick Scholz : Division events this month related to Safe Boating Week include participating at Power Squadron flare up event, 3 Water fest events, Wear your Life Jacket to work event, Hurricane Expo, Coco village Craft fair, and Operation Dry Water. The release of a press release promoting boating safety classes and outreach efforts focusing on recruiting new members also occurred this month.

SO-PB John Kachenmeister: assisted with newsletter for various flotillas and working with FSO-PB staff to develop newsletters for all flotillas. Assisted with multiple PV events and operations for the Division.

SO-PE Jules Moquin: PE classes this month included a group of Sea Cadets this will hopefully become an ongoing resource for new and young students. We continue with classes the High School program with 19 Students completing the ABS class in May.

SO-PV Mark Perni: Program Visits continue to surpass prior year numbers due to the efforts of Flotilla 17-06. Up year to date compared to 2014 by 142 Marine dealer visits.

SO-VE Gary Powers: VE program underway in all Flotillas and recent activity shows inspections are increasing and some Flotillas requested and were provided additional Decals.

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