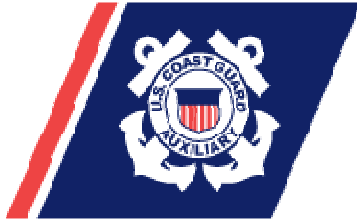


# **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**



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**To: DCDR J. ROCHE  
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SUBJECT: DIV-17 S.O. REPORTS**

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

**Events of Note: District Captain North Carl Motes reelected at D-Train. Division Elections held on October 3, 2015. VCDR J. Holmes elected DCDR and J. Parker elected VCDR for 2016. USCG requested support for monitoring GMDSS frequencies due to hurricane Joaquin multiple HF stations assisted for several days during this weather event. 17-06 continues to negotiate with Brevard County staff regarding use of the current building an extension has been granted until December 31, 2015. Two Vessel facilities down for repairs at this time John Kachenmeisters and Joe Peeks both expected to be back shortly. FC Mike Donahue and Robert Triebell both were awarded the RBS device this month.**

## **S. O. REPORTS**

**SO-CM Pete Anderson: 6-District HF nets this month with 61-HF stations participating. Approximately 80 hours of watch standing this month at Station Canaveral.**

**SO-CS Donna Miller: Division web site current with all updated reports through August 2015.**

**SO-FN Donna Miller: All financial reports completed year to date and current. Reminder sent to FSO-CM staff to plan for yearend audit process.**

**SO-HR Sharon Breece: Overall membership is at the same level of prior year. HR issue in Flotilla 17-10 will result in appointing of a new FSO-HR. Online meeting this month with DSO-HR and other HR staff. Exchange closing on weekends has resulted in some delay for obtaining uniforms.**

**SO-IS Barbara Carolus: FSO-IS positions in the Division need to complete final training. Current concern is the need to fill this position in two flotillas with qualified staff. We need to identify and train as soon as possible members to fill this position or we will face a critical shortage in the future.**

**SO-MA Richard Barada: All materials and supplies requested have been provided. Federal booklets and FWC materials as well.**

**SO-MS Gary Gunter: The MSD team replaced two defective fans at the MSD office this month and completed regular**

**maintenance of the emergency generator, the pollution response trailer and completed monthly testing of other MSD equipment as well. CFV and UPV safety exams were completed as well along with outreach to this component of the commercial boating community. The MSD team conducted two training workshops this month attended by USCG staff and USCGAUX staff at Station Canaveral.**

**SO-MT Dan McIntyre: Flotilla 17-09 and 17-11 hosting full training days to assist members with completing mandatory training. 36% of members only have completed these required courses.**

**SO-NS Joe Bonaccorse: Training of candidates for certification continued this month. Division staff contributed approximately 54 hours to the Station Ponce ANT team this month.**

**SO-OP Jack Miller: Preparing of various members for QE continued this month. Two vessel facilities out for repairs at this time both expected back in service shortly. The Lock closure has impacted joint missions with the USCG and USCGAUX unless a facility is located in the port. Lock issue expected to continue next year.**

**SO-PA Fredrick Scholz: Division continues to provide AUXMED support to Station Clearwater. PA events this month included the Sea Tow ribbon cutting at Port Canaveral, Triad Senior fest, A boating workshop at the anglers club, assistance at D-Train and an article published in the Indian River Journal submitted by Dr. Mark Perni.**

**SO-PB John Kachenmeister: Reviewed two Flotilla newsletters and assisted with award submissions for various flotillas.**

**SO-PE Jules Moquin: ABS classes have restarted in the Brevard Schools and have the potential to dramatically increase the number of students taking our ABS classes in the future. Overall numbers are down in PE compared to prior year. Multiple factors contribute to this shortfall however new concepts recently developed and presented at D-Train using on line courses may assist in reestablishing our available courses in the long term.**

**SO-PV Mark Perni: MDV have exceeded goals for the year and continue to increase. FSO-PV Robert DiCicco and the Flotilla 17-06 team are doing a remarkable job and account for this historical increase.**

**SO-VE Gary Powers: The addition of 4 new VE staff has positively impacted our VE numbers and program. We are 22 inspections less at this time compared to the prior year and that gap is closing. Decals are running low at this time. We continue to see a higher pass rate than the previous year which is a very good indication that our PE efforts are working.**

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J. Holmes VCDR-DIV-17**