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To: DCDR John Holmes

From: VDCDR Jim Parker

Subject: Division 17 Staff Officer Report for January 2016

SO-PE Dan McIntyre

Flotilla 17-02: Presented their first ABS class of the year on 23 January with 5 students attending. They have five additional classes planned for the fourth Saturday of the month in March, May, July, September, November.

Flotilla 17-06: Will proceed with the "Life Jacket Zone" stencil program in Brevard County. The Brevard County Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Student Services sent an announcement to all Brevard County High and Middle School Principals to advertise 17-06's intent to teach no-cost ABS classes. One Middle School has already scheduled to host a class in March. All Brevard County Flotillas can participate in this initiative.

SO-PE Dan McIntyre, along with FSO-PE 17-06 Eustace King, attended the FWC's Boating Safety workshop for PE instructors. The workshop is planned to be repeated in the Daytona/Daytona Beach area in February.

The January ABS class graduated 7 students. ABS classes will be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month except December. The Flotilla is establishing a program of quarterly "Suddenly In Command" and "Paddle Sports America" classes also.

Flotilla 17-09: Currently planning for 2016's classes to be held in-process. Once finalized, will publish info on their website.

Flotilla 17-10: Currently scheduled eight ABS classes for 2016 in concert with Flotilla 17-11 at the Bass Pro Shops venue. Currently working with the Sea Cadets organization to teach the ABS class to approximately 100 cadets.

Flotilla 17-11: ABS classes will be co-presented with 17-10 at Bass Pro Shops. At the three "Finest Hours" movie PA events tri-fold brochures were distributed to people who visited the exhibits advertising the classes. MDVs are placing the brochures at their various partners. The classes are on-line on the National web site. "Suddenly In Command" and other classes are in the planning stages at this time.

SO-MT Nevin Lantry

On 21 January 2016, a meeting of all of Division 17's FSO-MTs and other interested Division and Flotilla Leaders was conducted by the SO-MT at Harbortown Marina. The agenda for the meeting was a discussion on how to best implement the significant member training subjects and how to implement them into each Flotilla's training plans and schedules. Especially emphasized was the requirement to complete Mandated Training by all members.

The Flotillas are all working on extensive opportunities for member training in 2016. All members of Division 17 are welcome to participate in any of these training opportunities. Included in these are:

Flotilla 17-06 will be conducting AUXOP and other courses.

On 20 February 2016 a 4-hour Team Co-ordination Training (TCT) class will be conducted by Flotilla 17-11 at 1200 hours (noon) at the VA Clinic located in Baldwin Park, Orlando. This is open to any Division 17 and Division 4 personnel.

An AUXOP Search Coordination and Execution (SC&E) course will be conducted in cooperation with active duty personnel at Station Port Canaveral On June 27th through July 1st. If you are not AUXOP qualified, but wish to attend the course a Basic Navigation course is required before you may attend. Details on this pre-requisite course will be forthcoming soon.

An announcement was just released regarding an AUX-FS training class to be held on March 11th through the 13th at Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater Annex Bldg. This is a non-funded class (no reimbursement for travel, lodging, and, etc.). You need a health screening and Hepatitis-A vaccination (and required boosters) prior to attending the class. Contact info is: Paulette R. Parent, DCAPT-W, ADSO-HR/AUXFS, District 7, USCG Auxiliary, (941) 360-9177 (941) 713-7073 (cell), PRPARENT175@AOL.COM

The head QE for District 7 has advised Mr. Lantry that no member will be permitted to take part in any boat crew qualification or re-qualification until they have completed the Mandatory Training and it appears in AUXDATA.

SO-CS Donna Lee Miller

Flotilla 17-10's website still hasn't received approval from National on their website. The SO-CS has sent another follow-up request. If a response isn't received within a week the SO will generate a help desk ticket to try and get this issue resolved.

Pictures of John Holmes with new shoulder boards, Gil Steinfort, and Pete Anderson are still required to update the Division's website.

SO-NS Mike Kanis

Aid Verifier currency requirements are for four (4) PATON verifications or Discrepancy reports (Form 7054) and two (2) bridge reports (one day and one night) on form 7055. ATON discrepancy reports are accepted (but not verifications). The reports must be submitted in a timely manner (24 hours for discrepancies) and must be correctly filled out. There is also a workshop requirement.

A new AV-PQS presentation is in review at District and will soon be available. This will be the required workshop required for currency. Any other Division workshops for AVs (the annual workshop at ANT Station Ponce Inlet) is encouraged, but cannot be used to maintain currency. Instructor requirements for

this workshop are: 1) IT qualified; 2) TCT current; 3) completed all mandatory training; and, 4) taught the old AV class. Currently, Mr. Kanis is the only qualified instructor in Division 17.

D7 published an instruction (D7DIRAUXINST 3531.1) Policy for Aids to Navigation Verifiers on 29 Jan. Mr. Kanis attached the instruction to his SO report.

Apparently, there still exists some confusion regarding ATON verifications. An ATON can only be verified by an Auxiliarist at the request of a Coast Guard Aid To Navigation Team's (ANT) request. An email is acceptable proof of an ANT's request.

It is D7 policy that any AV certified prior to 2000 is not currently certified and must requalify if they wish to remain an AV. Currently, 2 members of the Division fall into this category.

Other issues that the ADSO-NS has provided clarification on include: Requirement to submit a 7030 (No longer required after submittal of the 7054); most division AVs are currently REYR and must complete eight acceptable 7054s and 4 (2-each day and 2-each night) 7055 reports, as well as the workshop; any member can submit verification reports, but only those from qualified AVs will be forwarded to the Coast Guard; and, all 7054s and 7055s will be reviewed by the SO-NS and forwarded to the ADSO-NS until the member meets AV currency requirements.

Four bridges were investigated in January and 2 discrepancies and four verifications were reported. The results were submitted to the bridge section in Miami.

Certain PATONs have been identified as priority for verification as they are new to the light list. Planning for patrols is underway.

Eleven (11) hours of direct support to the ANT Station Ponce Inlet were performed in January. Included in this activity was planning for the annual MT workshops and visits to the ANT by Auxiliary members and support for the annual STAN audit.

17-11 will work with the FC and FSO-NS 17-06 to co-ordinate activity perform verifications in the Indian and Banana Rivers to ensure effort isn't duplicated in those areas.

AN ATON patrol for the St. Johns River from Lake Monroe to the SR44 Bridge is planned in March.

SO_PV Robert Dicicco

Goals by Flotilla were developed for 2016 and are summarized in the following table along with performance statistics for the month of January:

Flotilla	Flotilla PV Goal	Actual Completed	Percent Completion	Change	Businesses in AOR
17-02	200	26	13%	26	37
17-06	300	26	9%	26	102
17-09	60	7	12%	7	5
17-10	100	15	15%	15	15
17-11	50	10	20%	10	10
Total	710	84	12%	84	169

Planning continues for meeting all goals, generation of a master database of all active marine businesses in our AOR, and maintenance and updating of this database by the flotillas.

Mr. Diccio is working towards earning his RBS device requiring 120 PV/VSCs in 2016.

One issue being encountered is many businesses do not have space for the standard display rack issued by the Coast Guard. The SO is investigating various solutions and their cost of implementation for the businesses.

SO-OPS Jack Miller

Two on the water boat crew training patrols with 10 members present total. Land tasks are being conducted after patrols for 2 to 3 hours with the help of qualified crew members .

A special search and rescue briefing for a SAR EX mission to take place on the Banana River was held at Station Port Canaveral. Around 16 coxswains, crew, pilots and Coast Guard personnel attended this briefing. The goal of the special mission is to demonstrate communication capability between AUX Air and AUX Surface assets and to demonstrate AUX SAR capabilities to the active duty. This mission was carried out successfully and with a great learning experience for all.

SO-CM Pete Anderson

Total watchstanding hours at Station Port Canaveral for January: 64.

We have three AUX members standing watch at Station Port Canaveral. A fourth has the required clearance, a DoD workstation access card, and is expected to take his board and begin standing watch in February. Others are in various stages of qualifying.

Flotilla 17-09 has three TCO qualified members and expects to have three more soon.

SO-IS Gilbert Steinfort

Distribution of Annual Member Letters to all Division 17 members should now be complete.

A critical area for IS is the training of members, especially new members, in forms submission. It is the responsibility of the FSO-IS to provide this training. On Saturday, 27 February, Flotilla 17-6 will be presenting a new member training session which will include a live demonstration on how to create and submit forms. Members from all five flotillas are invited. While this training is designed for new members, even long standing members could benefit from attending, and they are invited.

SO-PA Jim Nickles

The movie "Finest Hours" resulted in many PA and social events at the various Flotillas in Division 17 in January. Included in this was a table set-up on short notice at a Winter Park theatre which held a preview for Active Duty and Reserve personnel of this movie. The FSO-PA set-up and manned the table which was well-received by the invited guests to the premier.

The Flotillas on the coast went as a group to view the movie in a theatre in Brevard County. The social was well-attended and everyone enjoyed the fellow-ship and movie.

This past Friday, Saturday and Sunday set up and manned Public Affairs tables at two movie theaters in Orlando. The Waterford Regal Movie Theater and the Fashion Square Mall Premiere Cinema Theater were gracious enough to allow Flotillas to conduct our PA event at their Theaters. Nine Flotilla members gave their time to man these tables and in total we had 123 visitors who stopped by and made numerous inquiries about the US Coast Guard, Boating Safety and about the Auxiliary. We were well received by the public and many who we spoke with thanked us (Auxiliary) for service to our country.

All age groups visited the tables and for the children we gave out Coastie and other stickers which they enjoyed putting on their clothing or hands, even some parents asked for the stickers. Several movie goers asked about joining the Auxiliary and several wanted to sign up for the ABS class. It was a long weekend and covered most of the movie show times at both theaters.

FSO_MS Gary Gunter

The Division performed 4-each Pollution Trailer & Generator Maintenance Missions; 3-each CFVE Inspections; 2-each UPV Inspections; 4-each Life Raft Inspection Missions; and, 2-each UTV Inspections in direct support of the MSD at Station Port Canaveral. The Second Harbor Safety Committee organizing meeting was held and well attended.

A large vessel was given a CFV exam in co-ordination with the Gold-side after it was boarded at sea by the CG and ordered to return to port after having been found to have several major safety violations.

Attended the Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector Certification conducted by the FDEP and gained certification as an instructor.

Began "Operation Knock-Knock" to contact UPV operators in the City of St. Cloud and met with them with information on UPVs.

Held 1st UPV Oral Board Study Group session. Thanks to ADSO-MS-AWW Chris Von-Zwehl for being the guest examiner.

All flotillas continue to be active in training and operational MS activities.