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MEMORANDUM

FROM: George Williams, FC

TO: The Members of Flotilla 113-11-01

SUBJECT: Flotilla Commander's Report – January 2016

For the good of the Auxiliary: The Training you receive in the Auxiliary benefits you with the skills you acquire; what you do with that training not only benefits you as a person, but benefits all those you come into contact with in the exercise of your skills.

1. Our first meeting for 2016 was a planning session for the coming year. The flotilla will be undertaking the following activities:
 - a. We will be setting up an ombudsman committee for the purpose of assisting Coast Guard members that have been transferred to Coast Guard Station Tahoe in settling into the area, locating accommodation, support and recreational activities for them and their families.
 - b. We will be enhancing our training activities with the Coast Guard. Members of the Coast Guard will be attending our classroom training as well as two boat training on the lake.
 - c. We will be actively pursuing speaking engagements at local service clubs, schools, yacht clubs, to promote cold water and boating safety.
 - d. We will be entering a float in the Snow Fest Parade on March 5, and helping with the Polar Bear Swim on the same day.
 - e. We will be supplying volunteers to the Division in hosting DTRAIN 2016. Some of our members will also be attending activities and training sessions.
 - f. We will be looking at working with other agencies and how we can help them in their activities and how they can help us in our activities.
2. A major focus for the coming year will be attracting new members who meet the criteria of the Auxiliary and are willing to promote our goals and values.
3. This is a crucial year for our membership. We have new training requirements to meet Coast Guard standards and we have until the end of 2016 for all members to complete these training courses. If these courses are not completed by the end of the year, you will not be able to participate in the activities of the Flotilla and your membership ID's cannot be renewed. There are several members that have not been active for some time. We would like to find ways of renewing your participation in the Auxiliary. I am asking you to reflect on why you joined the Auxiliary in the first place and how the Flotilla can provide activities that you are willing and able to participate in. The Flotilla needs your skills, experience and time

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and you need to be rewarded with the feeling of satisfaction in what you have volunteered to do.

With modern technology such as computers and cell phones and applications such as Go-to-Meeting you can support us or train from any location. If travel is a consideration in attending activities, I am willing to look for members that are willing and able to help. If you are having troubles with online access to training programs or applications such as Go-to-Meeting I will seek out members that are willing to help also.

We cannot easily replace a lost member, which limits the activities we can undertake to meet our goals.

Thank you all for your contribution.

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Flotilla Commander