Flotilla 013-02-08 Flotilla Staff Officer Report APRIL 2015

P - Prevention Section

FSO-NS (Navigation Services): Domenic Ciolino

NTR

FSO-MS (Marine Safety): Wolf Dieter Dehne

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Congratulations to MBR Lopez, awarded the Aux Prevention Outreach Specialist qualification.

| Missions as reported on ANSC-7030 & 7038: | #Missions | #Members |
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| 41 - ME/NH AMC @NHDES/ Sign-in support: | 1 | 3 |
| 42 - NHDES (POSRWG) 1st Qtr. mtg. | 1 | 1 |
| 70E -ME/NH AMC @NHDES/Review of projects | 1 | 3 |
| 70H – Port State Control Inspection Boarding "Tyco C.S. Responder" | 1 | 1 |
| 70M – Shore-side Marine Observation Missions | 4 | 4 |
| 70U – Aux-EC (Asst. Cont. Insp.) Class Rm. Training | 1 | 4 |
| 70U – Aux-EC (Home study) | 12 | 2 |
| 70U – Aux-WM (Waterway Management) Home Review | 1 | 1 |
| 91C – Commercial Fishing Exam (CFVE) | 1 | 1 |
| Missions Summary from above: | | |
| Training & Qualifications (70U, 800) Class Rm. | 1 | 4 |
| Training & Qualifications (70U, 800) Home Study | 12 | 2 |
| CG Direct Augmentation (41, 42, 70e, 70H, 70M, 91C) | 9 | <u>6</u> |
| Total: | 2 2 | 6 |

FSO-PE (Public Education): Eugene Grossi

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: About Boating Safely was presented at West Marine in Portsmouth on April 26. Eight students successfully completed the course. Boating Skills and Seamanship Course at Kittery Adult Education, which began on March 3, will conclude on May 5. Fifteen students are enrolled in this 9-week class. **PROGRAMS OF NOTE:** PE has the following classes planned: Advanced Boating Skills and Seamanship will be offered as a 5 week add-on course at Kittery Adult Education for students completing the basic course. These classes will begin May 12 and include navigation, weather, communications and lines & knots.

How to Read a Nautical Chart at Wells-Ogunquit Adult Education on May 16. One session of 4 hours. About Boating Safely courses are planned at St. Thomas More Church in Durham beginning May 6 for three Wednesday evenings, and at York Harbor Marine Services on June 6.

Richard Many, Mark Ladrie and Gene Grossi visited Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett NH to discuss the possibility of offering boater education courses at their facility. We will follow up to determine management's interest in going forward.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: Our thanks to Bill Armstrong, Steve Buchanan, John Engel, Joe Hogan, Dave Joyce, Mark Ladrie, Richard Many and Byron Moe for teaching and assisting at the Kittery and West Marine during April.

FSO-PV (Program Visitor): Mark W. Ladrie

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: I have been helping with ABS classes at Traip Academy, helping with shore side boat crew training, and working on the OpFac to get it ready for the season. I did one visitation to Bass Pro Shop in Hookset NH to set up a display and to talk, along with FSO-PE Grossi and LO-NH Many about running classes there.

FSO-VE (Vessel Examination): Harold Jamieson

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: 2015 Boating season is underway. New decals are being distributed.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: New schedules are being set up for the VE inspections.

CONCERNS: It is always a challenge to keep up with new boating regulation and old updated ones.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: I feel our group of VE's gets stronger each season and hope to add a few more VE's this season.

R - Response Section:

LO-Air (Liaison Officer, AuxAir): Brian Welsh

NTR

FSO-CM (Communications): Thomas McTaggart

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Total watch standing hours since last report (49). Now that winter has passed the Auxiliary will be in full swing for the spring and summer SAR season.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: The (3) Auxiliary Watch Standers will now coordinate their schedules to augment the Stations crew.

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FSO-OP (Operations): William Armstrong

NTR

L – Logistics Section:

FSO-CS (Communications Services): Michael K. Costa

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: National has signed off on our website again. New requirements/guidelines required a few nominal changes to be 100% compliant. Safe boating flyer will be prominent on website **PROGRAMS OF NOTE:** Help/facilitation of a flyer for FSO-PV Ladrie regarding the safe boating week on 16MAY. Started building a page (not on the site yet) explaining the OpFac and supporting it with a few pictures etc. I believe this will be public facing, but I have yet to make that decision.

PROBLEMS: New Member Exam problems still are vague and have no permanent solution. Member reports the link to our photo album throwing a 500 error. I cannot replicate the issue and have been in communication with this member.

CONCERNS: It's been noted a few Members have not been going directly to our website. For clarification, our website is: http://www.uscgauxnh.org/ Click anywhere on the screen and you are on our page. Once on the homepage, you my login and see our Member Only content that includes minutes, notes, announcements etc.

FSO-MT (Member Training): Stephen Heath

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: BC Break-Ins have completed their shore side training.

FSO-IS (Information Systems): Christopher McAndrew

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Everything IS-related is operating smoothly. There have been no issues reported by any members.

FSO-MA (Materials): Walter Hanson

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Supplies came in and were distributed.

FSO-PA (Public Affairs): Brian Welsh

NTR

FSO-PB (Publications Staff Officer) Marshall Hewitt

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Working on articles for next newsletter.

FSO-PS (Human Resources): Henry Marchi:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: I have been working with several new member candidates in processing paper work for FC Costa to sign and forward to Boston. In addition I have had two more contacts in the last day or so and am sending out information.

CONCERNS: We have had issues with people not being able to take the New Member exam in a reasonable amount of time. I have made our Flotilla Officers aware of the problems and have passed my concern to the SO-HR. New members have been using a variety of methods to take the test. I hope we can resolve the process quickly.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: If all goes as planned we should see an increase in membership by 6 to 7 people **FSO-FN (Finance): Matthew Wirth**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Report submitted directly.

FSO-DV (Diversity): Paul Gaudet

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: Currently scheduling visits to the UNH School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering.

FSO-SR (Secretary of Records): Gladys Benshimol

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: Timely receipt of Officer reports improved this month.

LO-Cutters (Liaison Officer - USCGC TAHOMA USCGC CAMPBELL): Seth Spiller

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: FSO-PB Hewitt's one week of sea duty is a noteworthy accomplishment for FL28, DIV2 and D1NR.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: The FL28 CGC program will kick into high gear as the CGC TAHOMA returns to port in a few days. There are three program participants and two more with interest. Small boat operations is possible once the weather warms up so those with Boat crew and Coxswain qualifications take note.

CONCERNS: Being able to staff CGC CAMPBELL's interest in the AUX program. If FL28 does not have the interest level, a discussion on expanding it to DIV 2 may make sense.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: The scuttlebutt about the two "new" guys on the last patrol including FSP-PB HEWITT and his excellent performance shines a positive light on the AUX, great job Marshall!

LO-LR (Liaison Officer - Lakes Region): David Joyce

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: Boating classes coming up soon. TBA.

CONCERNS: I feel that drawing training orders on Lake Winnipesaukee are getting the back door. There should be NO problem with the State of New Hampshire. The MOU is clear on that subject. My understanding of the issue is that the problems with getting orders are from within the Auxiliary. Boat crew training on the Lake would be a great membership incentive for prospective members. Many boaters who use the Lake live near the coast. If they were members they would be available for duty at the station. I worry that if this subject continues to be ignored we will certainly lose facilities, harm recruiting efforts and possibly lose members. I can not stress this enough.

LO-NH (State Liaison Officer- NH): Richard Many NTR