

Flotilla 013-02-08 Flotilla Staff Officer Report **FEBRUARY 2015** P – Prevention Section FSO-NS (Navigation Services): Domenic Ciolino ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: The current AV's in the flotilla whom are familiar with the AOR have reviewed the 2015 worksheets and so far there are no discrepancies of note. PROGRAMS OF NOTE: VDCDR Spiller will be going through the training to become AV qualified. He is also a current Coxswain, which is helpful. GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: Hope all are doing well with the snow and harsh winter. Spring is only 3 weeks awav!! FSO-MS (Marine Safety): Wolf Dieter Dehne ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Completed missions: 70K – Admin > Staff Office 2 1 70K - Meeting w/ MSD 1 2 70M -- Shore-side Marine Observation Missions 2 1 70T -- Sprague > Security Spot Check 2 1 70U -- Aux-EC > Class Rm Trng @ SNNE Prevention 2 4 80D – Aux-UPV (Uninspected Passenger Vessel > WebEx 2 4 91C -- Commercial Fishing 1 1 Total Missions -----Total Participation 12 8 PROGRAMS OF NOTE: On-going MS Training (Mission Code 70U): Basic Marine Safety Training (BMST) Performance Qualification Standards (PQS) #mbrs Aux-EC – Asst. Container Inspector > home study 2 Aux-EU – Asst. Facility Inspector > home study 1 1

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FSO-PE (Public Education): Eugene Grossi

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: About Boating Safely was presented to 15 employees at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on February 20. This one-day class was for members of the shipyard oil spill response team, and was not open to the general public.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: PE has the following classes planned:

• *Boating Skills and Seamanship Course* at Kittery Adult Education, beginning March 3. This class will run for 9 Tuesday evenings, 1830-2030 hours.

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• *How to Read a Nautical Chart* at Wells-Ogunquit Adult Education on May 16; One session of 4 hours. **CONCERNS:** The congressional dispute over the Department of Homeland Security funding has placed our ability to reliably provide Boater Education in doubt for the second time in 18 months.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: Our thanks to Tom Raynor for an excellent presentation of *About Boating Safely* at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

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

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: I have been mentoring new boat crewmembers and have made up list of visitations to do this spring and summer. Getting ready for boating classes starting next week.

FSO-VE (Vessel Examination): Harold Jamieson

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Sent out the announcement regarding KIDDE fire extinguishers to all VE's.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: Tried to work with Kittery Trading Post on the upcoming Kayak event to be held in Durham, N.H. At present there is not space available but we were invited to walk around and give out pamphlets. I choose not to do that.

CONCERNS: Still looking for new ways to get the SAFETY information out to the public.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: Trying to incorporate more Kayak and Canoe information in all VE programs. I feel as though we are weak in this area.

R - Response Section:

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



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FSO-CM (Communications): Thomas McTaggart

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Total watch standing hours in January totaled (24) in the Watch Tower.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: Continued our role standing watch for the Gold Side.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: Received a nice card signed from many of the Gold Side Coast Guardsmen thanking us for standing watch.

FSO-OP (Operations): William Armstrong

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L – Logistics Section:

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

- Requested updates to website from National are complete (specifically ALT tagging photos and deprecated elements; no images had alt tags at the start)
- Reviewed and verified Officers list for email distribution; legacy name removed
- New anonymous "Suggestion Box" form is up an working on the website under "Members only"
- Note to FL 28 Members that "Unit Announcements" has been changed to "Unit Notices" to prevent wrapping/display problems.

PROBLEMS:

- Email distribution system having problems with spam filters like Boxbe or personal account management (intentional or not). Pertinent Flotilla messages are posted regularly to the Members section of the website under "Unit Notices". Members are encouraged to check this frequently.
- Discovered web maintenance "times out" more quickly than originally thought leaving some edits not saved. After this discovery, please make sure browser cache is clear to have the most recent updates.

CONCERNS:

- Though known to be slow, 2 members have been waiting between 9-14 months for PSI. I don't believe SO-CS or SO-IS can do anything more than I already have by an inquiry to DIRAUX. Not having this complete could pose a problem for training opportunities.
- Platform compatibility is more of a problem than originally thought (Mac vs Windows). The WOW-II system mixture of technologies can cause display or validation issues.

FSO-MT (Member Training): Stephen Heath

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: BC Break-Ins are ahead of training schedule by 1 month with shore side PQS's. Also they have completed their abandoning ship drill.12 Members completed First Aid, CPR, and AED Training. 12 members completed First Aid, CPR and AED training.

FSO-IS (Information Systems): Christopher McAndrew

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Everything IS-related is running smoothly.

FSO-MA (Materials): Walter Hanson

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Supplies came in and were distributed.

FSO-PA (Public Affairs): Brian Welsh

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FSO-PB (Publications Staff Officer) Marshall Hewitt

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Fall newsletter completed. Have begun articles for Winter 2015 and Spring 2015 issues.

FSO-PS (Human Resources): Henry Marchi:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: All inquiries about new members have been contacted via email and in some cases by phone. As of today there are no outstanding issues.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: Have not heard of any HR training classes in near future.

CONCERNS: I have not had issues arise. We currently have six prospective members in the pipeline. I am waiting for feedback from them about attending a meeting or continuing the membership process.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: I had intended to speak at a Flotilla Meeting about HR but the weather did not cooperate. I will have to wait for better conditions.

FSO-FN (Finance): Matthew Wirth

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Report submitted directly.

FSO-DV (Diversity): Paul Gaudet

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: Currently reviewing strategies to improve our flotilla's relationship with local community groups and organizations.



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FSO-SR (Secretary of Records): Gladys Benshimol

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Efforts continue toward improving/streamlining record keeping and communication among new leadership and members at this time of transition.

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

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: There are now three active FL 28 CGC participants. Two participated in sea duty drills in preparation for the next patrol.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: The CGC program is starting to get documented for future candidates. All participants are working on the Damage Control PQS.

CONCERNS: Getting new candidates that can put in the time to get trained and then put in the time to help out our CGC Shipmates.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: S SPILLER VCDR and M HEWITT FSO-PB were invited to join CGC TAHOMA for one week of sea duty transiting from NH to FL. M HEWITT FSO-PB had an open schedule and will be pioneering FL 28 sea duty augmentation... safe travels Marshall.

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

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Spoke with Captain Gilda and Chief Andreesen on receiving Training orders for Lake Winnipesaukee. They have asked me to continue the discussion in the future.

CONCERNS Continuing to work on training orders for the Lake.

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

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