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Flotilla 10-05 Report to Division

Membership:

Current membership stands at 96 members. One retirement in process.

National Safe Boating Week (NSBW): Flotilla 10-05 has six NSBW Proclamation signings scheduled for the month of May. Sites included: Southport, Oak Island, Caswell Beach, St. James, Boiling Springs Lake and Brunswick County Office.

Expansion of Flotilla AOR: With the demise of Flotilla 10-08, the Area of responsibility for Flotilla 10-05 has broadened to the NC-DSC border. We are developing plans to incorporate this region in this year's mission accomplishment. Recent trip to the southern region in search of Marinas to conduct VE/PV/PA events was a bit disappointing as no significant Marinas exist south of St James. Significant boating activity but few centralized locations exist. VE operations will necessarily be needed for various boat launching ramps throughout summer.

Gold Side Integration: Recent meetings with BMCS Meyer (SOI Officer in Charge) and BMC Figuero (USCGC Bayberry Officer in Charge) have pointed to an increase in desire to participate in joint Gold/Silver endeavors. Two-boat training with USCG units, newly assigned gold members embarked on AUX Facilities for area familiarization, inport OOD watch-standing by qualified AUX members, etc. I see this as a strong inducement for future new member recruiting.

New Member Requirements: After submitting a new members recommendation for Provisional Membership, I was informed that it was denied since the member had not completed his AMT in the 90-day provisional period. I questioned this decision as rules stated that new members have one year from BED in which to complete AMT. Provisional Membership was subsequently approved.

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