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SUBJ: MARCH & APRIL 2019 SO-CM Report 054-10

SO-CM For the MARCH VHF-FM Net drill, since I was out of town and backup operator was not arranged, Keith Wilson of 10-06 acted as Net Control at Carolina Beach Radio. In April, without Herman Franke's Rotating antenna at The Cape, just north of Snow's Cut and Carolina Beach, we have lost the capability to connect our Northern and Southern sectors, we are therefore unable to provide a Network. Our radio facilities are too distant to receive transmissions from one another. I'm lost at the moment for a solution to this problem and continue to seek suggestions. I'm asking each FSO-CM and Flotilla leadership to recruit more fixed and mobile VHF-FM radio facilities and encourage more members to become TCO qualified so they are qualified to operate a land based station.

Jim Beecher, Paul Dowty and I are planning to hold a TCO class and qualification program locally, to facilitate and promote greater communications participation.

1. Meetings, conferences, and seminars, workshops, presented and/or attended: I attended the Flotilla 10-01 meetings and the February Division meeting.

2. Public Affairs Activities, projects, events, etc.: I helped Nick Giachino at the Kure Beach Safety Day on Saturday MARCH 23 and at the grand opening of the new West Marine at Mayfair in Wilmington.
3. Unit Participation in Coast Guard Support Activities: I continue to conduct weekly R&S inspection / maintenance at CGSTA WB. I attended the USO event at CGSTA WB. I will be working with Flotilla 10-01 and with CGSTA WB in On the Water training activities in the future as they start breaking in new crew and coxswain candidates. I, along with Bill Thompson as coxswain of 17526, Flotilla 10-01, we spent 8 hours on the Cape Fear River IVO Buoys 59 & 61, between State Port and Brunswick River to control vessel traffic during the delivery of the new Pana Max crane to the Port of Wilmington on 08APR. I will be supporting the Carolina Cup SUP Regatta on 27APR, IVO Wrightsville Beach, as Coxswain aboard 21882 and acting as AUXPATCOM and FSO-OP along with three other Facilities from Flotilla 10-01.
4. Member Training conducted in past month and planned: None on the water until April. I've encouraged everyone in Operations to become AUXOP, complete RAM required study and expand their seamanship skills before we get back on the water. To date none interested in OTW training yet. Will hold a PPE inspection in April and coordinate another Crew academy for 10-01, with Jim Beecher FSO-MT.
5. Memoranda of interest to DCDR: The new AQEC-SNC is Keen McHugh, replacing Warren Edman.
6. Situations requiring assistance of DCDR/VCDR or Division Staff: None
7. Flotilla members or staff to be commended: Bill Thompson for his support of ATON/PATON inspections and the PANAMAX Crane delivery to Port of Wilmington. Herman Franke 10-06 for Net Control support.

Respectfully submitted,

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