

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary District 7 DSO-PA Quarterly Report

Position: District Staff Officer—Public Affairs

Report Date: July 1, 2012

Report Period: April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012

1. Meetings, Conferences, seminars, workshops, etc. attended or conducted during report period.

DSO-PA (Constance Irvin) attended Division 9 (June 2) meeting. Talked with PA personnel from the flotillas. Irvin also set up a DISNEY RADIO interview (Kids Disney Radio) in mid-June regarding CG Aux activities and boating safety. Irvin was joined by Bill Grizwold (NSBW Chair) for the interview at Disney Studios in Celebration, FL. Irvin coordinated WINK-TV coverage for flotilla 96's CG helicopter demonstration during NSBW. Irvin set up WINK TV coverage for a flare demonstration for flotilla 9-10. Irvin set up WINK TV coverage for the escort of WWII CGC "Mohawk" into Mantanzas Pass and utilized flotilla 9-1 facility as media platform and CGAux 9-10 facility as escort. "Mohawk" photo featured on CGAux Live.

ADSO-PA (Diane Riggan) was D7 NSBW chairperson for 2012.

ADSO-PA (Roy Crittenden) was interviewed on WDNU radio, Gainesville, GA. concerning boating safety issues on Lake Lanier. Crittenden was interviewed on a Live Feed by a Gainesville radio station about ABS courses

2. Activities, operations, projects, etc. during report period.

ADSO-PA North---Roy Crittenden reports:

April—Div. 17 provided support to the CG and Marine Safety Detachment in the Melbourne area. Div. 17 (17-11) FSO-PA represented the CGAux at the Orlando Mayor's Veterans Council. Flotilla 2-2 collected eye glasses (special assistance project) for Dobbins Air Force Base. Crittenden published bi-weekly boating safety articles for the local press. Div. 12 members had safety booths in Columbia, SC, Murrell's Inlet, SC, Georgetown and Edisto Island. 12-8 had CG assistance at their safety booth which was set up at the Citadel. The event also hosted a CG helicopter survival demonstration.

May—Flotilla 12-6 drafted a press release for Station Charleston. They also recorded a 30 second Comcast Video commercial for a lead-in to NSBW. 22, 25, 29 had safety booths at the Atlanta Zoo, the Southeast Lakes and Watershed Conference and the Gwinnett County Fair Grounds with Boy Scout assistance. 25 joined forces with the USPS to present Paddle Smart to interested participants. The Greenville news used significant quotes from the Paddle Smart event and announcements for use in a major news article. Flotilla 12-6 supported Station Charleston's NSBW event and had television coverage. 12-10 was awarded one of four "Coasties" in a contest that the CG funded. 17-2 raised \$150 for a brick walkway for Cape Canaveral Historic Lighthouse.

June---Div. 17 SO-PA Giers supported the CG Marine Safety Division and CG Station Port Canaveral as PAO. Div. 2 (22, 25, 29) had safety booths at a Wake Board Tournament at Lake Allatoona, Friends of Lake Keowee Society, Lake Lanier Gainesville Marina, Aqualand Marina's Customer Appreciation Day and at the Wilshire Trails 16th Annual Butterfly Release. Div. 4 SO-PA Perri represented the CG and CGAux at the Flager H.S. Air Force ROTC field day. Div. 10 (10-1, 10-2) participated in the Tall Ships program in Savannah. Div. 12 and 17 had safety booths and articles published in the Charleston area and Orlando area. 17-9 member attended Aux 12 School (PA).

ADSO-PA South---Lourdes Oliveras reports:

April---Flotilla 1-12 members are taking Container Inspection Course from Sec San Juan. Div. 13 members stand radio watch at Station Marathon and Key West. They participated in Coast Guard Appreciation Day in mid-April at an Aux house in the Key West area. The event was filmed by the crew from "Coast Guard Florida". Div. 13 held a Hazwopper Class to certify pollution investigators in Islamorada and Station Marathon. All flotillas in the Div. were involved in the Mote Marine Ocean Fest held in Key West. Div. 16 had Rescue 21 Tower completion and operation start up. Aux Air flew 21 missions. Div. 16 (16-1) served over 300 breakfasts to local residents at America's Paradise. USCG RIO St. Croix was also involved. The Miss St. Croix life jacket campaign garnered both local and regional news coverage promoting NSBW.

May---Div. 1 conducted AuxAir missions with CG Air Station Borinquen. They had extensive VSC activity in Arecibo, Cabo Rojo and Guayama. Div. 1 had excellent media coverage of their "Ready Set Wear It" event. Division 13 flotillas supported the CG with perimeter coverage for a paddle-boat race with PWCs. 13-2 assisted CG fixed wing planes with surface support for air drops.

13-8 conducted air patrols to assist CG with helicopter operations near Islamorada. The division conducted numerous VSCs during NSBW in various locations. 13-2 and 13-3 members continue with beach and road clean-up. 13-2 Recycled 143 lobster funnels during the month. Div. 13 members attended a Sector Key West COW for CAPT DeQuattro. Div. 16 AuxAir held a two day workshop at Air Station Borinquen which included active CG personnel. FSO-PA Fabich assisted at RIO office for Port State Control. They also had a joint exercise with VIPA with a cruise boat in port. AuxAir flew missions in the Virgin Island Passage and along the north shore of Puerto Rico. They transported a Biometrics Specialist from Sector San Juan to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. FSO-PA Fabich had an article about the AuxAir workshop and service provided by USVI published in four media outlets. Div. 16 is also promoting island wide participation in the Water Watch Program.

June---Div. 13 members stood radio watch at Station Marathon, Islamorada and Sector Key West. AuxAir logged approximately 200 air hours which included helicopter operations in the upper Keys. 13-3 assisted Station Key West with facility patrols during the Paddle Around Key West Race. They also helped with tile installation at the base. Div. 13 continues to conduct Hazwopper classes for both civilians and members. Div. 16 (16-1) flew 28 missions in support of surface

assets. They were also involved in St. Croix Vessel screening, San Juan Hurricane Drill and a Safety Zone RIO for a triathlon.

ADSO-PA East---Diane Riggan reports:

April---Div. 3 members attended a helicopter operations class. Flotilla 31 assisted the CG with Marine Safety Inspections and an ICS member taught ICS 300 in Valdez, Alaska and Milwaukee, WI. 38 members worked at a YMCA to promote life jackets and the proper fit for young people. 36 had a safety booth at the Sea Turtle Day in Boca Raton. Div. 5 members took the input training for 4100 reports at STA Fort Pierce. 56, 58, and 59 assisted STAFTP in patrolling during the Sailfish Speedboat Regatta. Nineteen members from 3, 5, 6, have been approved in the first round of the AMROS selections. 57 members manned a safety booth during the Lake Okeechobee Blue Grass Festival. Flotillas 58, 59 celebrated their **70th anniversaries** which got a great deal of media coverage and was attended by both CG and Aux members. Admiral Baumgartner, COMO Jaskiewicz, CAPT Depinet (Sector Miami) and the mayor of Fort Pierce were among some of those who attended the celebrations. Martin County issued Proclamations to honor those flotillas for their 70 years of service to the local communities.

May---Div. 3 SO-PA Duda helped Station Ft. Lauderdale with their community event which members of Div. 3 also supported. Div. 5 members assisted Station Lake Fort Worth and Station Fort Pierce with their Open House activities for NSBW. Local fire departments, police departments and EMT's were also present. Station Miami provided a helicopter rescue demonstration for those events. Several flotillas within the Div. received Proclamations from local governing bodies for NSBW. Div. 5 had a huge Ready Set Wear It event at STA Fort Pierce with 81 active duty, Auxiliarists, family members and friends involved in the inflation of life jackets. 51 and 59 were successful in getting media coverage for NSBW. 59 is also working with Martin County TV to set up filming three ten minutes video segments covering VSCs, public education and recruitment which will be aired locally. Div. 6 had a major VIP event at Bayside Marina in Miami. The family fun day was attended by COMO Jaskiewicz. Visitors took a tour of the CGC Diamondback which was also toured by media who covered the event for local TV and newspapers.

June---Div. 3 supported a CG blood drive. SO-PA Duda assisted STA Ft. Lauderdale with their community event. They also participated in a Super Science Saturday at Pioneer Middle School with 300 students involved. Div. 5 members served as liaisons to Emergency Operation Centers in Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie Counties. Sector Miami is using Aux members in a trial program at EOCs as contact for the CG.

ADSO-PA West---Toni Borman reports:

April---Div. 7 (72, 79) performed joint VEs at the University of South Florida Marine Research Center in St. Petersburg. Div. 8 (81) has ongoing TSA participation at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport. 81 personnel stood radio watch at

Station Cortez. 83 continues AUXCHEF cooking for both STA Cortez and STA Clearwater. Two members are also in training as watch standers for STA Cortez. 84 personnel Borman and Parent taught AUXCHEF at Station Clearwater and STA Cortez. 85 members, Ron and Jane Touchen provide navigation instruction to CG personnel at STA Cortez and also assistance with cooking and maintenance. 86 members took radio operation instruction for the Communication Van so they could assist the CG if the stations equipment failed. (82, 83, 85, and 86) had safety displays at Sarasota Seafood Festival, Desoto Fishing Festival, Regatta Pointe Expo in Bradenton and at the Sharks Tooth Festival. (81) member, Dick Petrucci attended Aux 18 Air School in Pensacola. (82) member, Steve Ellerin attended Aux-12 PA School in San Diego. (86) member, Judi Bidwick completed AUXCHEF along with (9-10) member Jack Salis. Div. 9, (91) personnel stands radio watch for about 30 per month at STA Fort Myers Beach. (91) also trained with CG and Texas Highway Patrol on the water with Naples and Fort Myers PD. (92) FSO-PA Szymanski and her mother, Dorothy Kurtz a former SPAR (1943-46) were in attendance at the launching of the CGC Stratton in Alameda, CA. At (93's) Port City Day, STAFMB CWO4 Kerner went with CGAux members to promote CG and Aux activities at the Naples Yacht Club. (91, 93, 95, and 96) had safety booths at the Blessing of the Shrimp Fleet on Estero Island, at Marco Island, the Naples Port City Day and the Gradyfest. (9-10) facility escorted CGC "Mohawk" into Mantanzas Pass. Div. 15 (15-3) set up an extensive VSC program for the Bassmaster Elite Series Tournament. This is the second year they have done this. (Div.4) was also involved.

May---Div. 7 had Bruce Wright's BAT PAK at the Gandy Boat Ramp during NSBW. Div. 7 also worked with FWC Tallahassee and Tampa to coordinate media involvement for NSBW. Div. 7 had an interview with Tampa Bay Times for op-ed piece on Boating Safety. (72) gave facility support for Memorial Weekend. Div.8 (81) FC Beckett spoke at a USPS meeting and to a joint VSC commitment for VSCs during NSBW. (82) participated in a boat show in Sarasota. (84) presented boating safety to children at the Imagine School. (86) held a VE workshop with Venice Sail and Power Squadron. (87) manned a safety booth at the Royal Palm Marina. 87 member Neilsen had article published in *Waterline*. Div. 9 Allen Brown, PDCO spoke to graduating students at Fort Myers H.S. about the Auxiliary. (91) personnel stood radio watch at STAFMB. (93) SO-PA published an article about boating safety in the *Naples Daily News*. (96) had a CG helicopter rescue demonstration off Bonita Beach during NSBW. Div. 11, (11-1, 11-3, 11-6, 11-7, 11-9, and 11-10) had public outreach events with safety displays in Madeira Beach, New Port Richie, Gottee River Seafood Festival, Hudson, Tarpon Springs, and Dunedin. (11-10) had over 3,000 visitors to their Touch a Truck event. Div. 15 had numerous PSAs run on local broadcast media for NSBW.

June---Div. 7 (74) was involved in the Tampa Bay Boat Show. (75) sponsored a Nautical Flea Market at Apollo Beach. Div. 8 VCDR Petrucci assisted in the change out of aircraft manuals at Air Station-Clearwater. Div. 8 (83) members Parent and Whytal prepared food for the COC for the USCGC *Crocodile*. Parent and Gate cooked breakfast and lunch for the crew of the *Joshua Appleby*.

AUXCHEF personnel will cook for COC events for the *Alligator and the Nantucket*. (83 and 84) members Parent and Borman did a 12 day tour of duty in Barbados. Borman also presented a life jacket and safe boating class to 200 children and 100 adults at the Mote Marine Complex. (85) members, Ron and Jane Touchen, continue to offer instructional and maintenance support to STA Cortez. Others, Owen and Parent covered recent Rescue 21 radio outage at STA Cortez. Strader and Edward gave a presentation to boaters at the Waterleaf Golf and River Club. (86) Bidwick is promoting a boating safety course to a local high school. Div. 9, (91) continues crew and radio support for STAFMB. (93) provided a boat and a PWC for the Naples Canoe Races which drew over 2,000 spectators and 100 participants. (98) held a Safety Day in Punta Gorda with a demonstration of safety flares. Div. 11 (11-6) participated in two separate HS JROTC awards ceremonies. They also had a Touch a Truck event at a local yacht club which included a USCG H-65 helicopter fly-over. Div. 11 got a lot of media coverage with a pelican rescue.

ADSO PA Special Projects---Bill Swank continues to produce press releases to the media.

3. **Training conducted for ADSO/Division Staff**
Email and telephone contact is maintained to address PA issues. DSO attended Div. 9 meeting and visited with PA group.
4. **Divisions visited and assistance furnished to ADSOs/SOs or others:**
Visited Division 9 meeting. Gave PA support to STAFMB and Div. 9 flotillas with media coverage for NSBW events.
5. **Contacts made with or memoranda distributed to ADSOs/SOs or others:**
Much information that comes from National regarding PA is passed down to the ADSOs who send it down the line.
6. **Newsworthy events during the period:**
See paragraph 1 and 2 above.
7. **Action recommended for the Division Commander and VCDR with respect to perceived unit problems.**
Nothing to recommend at this time.
8. **Names of individuals to be recognized for exemplary performance:**
Elected officers and staff officers should take time to properly recognize those who have made a positive contribution to CG Auxiliary and CG Missions.
9. **Name of submitter:**
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