

## **District Staff Officer-Public Affairs Monthly Report**

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**Most Divisions are reporting; however Divisions 6, 7 and 12 are still not sending reports even though they have been contacted.**

### **U.S. Coast Guard Support:**

**ADSO-PA North: (Divisions 2, 10, 12)** Roy Crittenden reports that **Division 10 (10-10)** PA provided Port Security for STA Brunswick during three events at the station and nearby with patrol of the grounds, first aid and the registering and escorting of visitors.

1. **Community Support:** (21) provided a safety booth at two boat shows. FSO-PA represented the Auxiliary during a children's fishing rodeo. (22) will have a safety booth at Dobbins AFB and at Costco. They also held a VE Blitz at Park Marina on Lake Allatoona. (25) manned a safety booth at the Foothills Newcomers Club which resulted in several people signing up for ABS while others asked about AUX membership and. VEs were also performed. They also had a safety booth at Lake Lanier Islands Boat Show. (29) is firming up NSBW activities with Aqualand Marina.

(10-10) had a safety booth and a VE Blitz at Oak Grove Island Marina.

(10-11) members worked the Savannah Boat Show which was well attended.

**Special Involvement:** (21) will have a TV crew aboard an AUXFAC to record patrols on Lake Thurman. (29) ADSO-PA Crittenden had his monthly article published in *Lakeside on Lanier* newspaper. His ABS announcements in local media resulted in 20 people attending an ABS course which puts the first 3-4 month total at 100 attendees. (10-10) had newsprint articles and flotilla monthly meeting carried in local papers. Local radio aired two PSAs for upcoming BS&S and Suddenly in Command courses. The FSO-PA attended the Local Emergency Planning Commission and discussed working with local emergency radio.

**ADSO-PA Northeast: (Divisions 4, 14, 17)** Bill Giers reports that **Division 4** members supported the Coast Guard with "Operation Black Swan". **Division 14 (14-2, 14-4 and 14-7)** provided radio watch standing at USCG STA Mayport. ADSO-PA Giers supported CG missions and CG Marine Safety. **Division 17** has at least one AUX Facility available for two boat training with CG.

1. **Community Support Northeast: Division 4 (43)** manned a safety booth at the Antique Boat Show in Tavares, FL. Public attendance estimated at 7,500 with over 250 boats displayed. They also had a booth at the Live Well Training Center in Clermont which was focused on preventing the drowning of children. Two certificates for a child's PFD were donated as door prizes.

(44) did VEs in the Halifax Harbor community and will teach a Safe Boating Class there. The flotilla is also planning events for NSBW. (48) was involved in a presentation on boating safety, VE's and public education at Bouchelle Island, New Smyrna. **Division 14 (14-1)** performed VSCs for members of the Marine Trawlers Assoc. and for members vessels. They also had pyrotechnical demonstrations at the trawler rendezvous. The flotilla has numerous events planned for NSBW, including VE Blitzes and events which will include members' tours of USCGC "Sea Dragon". In the near future, they will be manning a safety booth at the Amelia Island Nature Festival. (14-2) members worked the South East Boat Show in Jacksonville. David Cawton, MT made a PowerPoint presentation on ATON verification. They manned a safety trailer at the Captain's Club Marine Flea Market and assisted with a PME rowing event. (14-5) flotilla and detachment did radio watch for the Clay County St. Johns River Cleanup with the SO-PA and SO-NS operating a safety booth for the event. Land based Harbor Patrols were performed in area 14-8. Members also attended the Putnam County St. Johns Waterways meeting. (14-7) conducted five Boating Safety events and exhibits along with VSCs at various locations around St. Augustine. Their PE classes for Suddenly in Command and Chart Reading were successfully completed by 11 participants. **Division 17** members have been involved with safety booths at the Harbortown Maritime Flea Market and at Satellite Beach. AUX and CG held a competition in knot Skills, heaving line and rescue at STA Cape Canaveral. They were also involved in an appreciation Day at USAF Patrick AF and assisted with Dragon Boat Races. The Division is actively working on obtaining Proclamations for NSBW. **Special Involvement:** ADSO-PA Giers wrote six articles/with photos for division and flotilla newsletters. **Division 4 (43)** had an article and photos for the newsletter *The Lakers*. They also will announce VE and PE events on Channel 13's community calendar. **Division 14** Auxiliarist, Sam Boyd, named Florida Boating Educator of the Year. (14-7) has actively promoted safe boating in local press releases and in announcements about safe boating seminars in the St. Johns River area. They will have a large presence at the Vilano Boat Ramp during NSBW to kick off the May event.

**Division 4 (43)** has extensive events planned for NSBW in Leesburg and is planning for a May radio interview about the Auxiliary with WVLG AM.

**Division 14** also has numerous events planned for NSBW which will include VSCs and mini courses on GPS, Inflatable Life Jackets, marine radios and Rules of the Road. **Division 17** is offering AUXCHEF training.

**ADSO-PA South: (Divisions 1, 13, 16)** Lourdes Oliveras reports that (13-1) provided a cook out for STA Marathon personnel and assisted them with towing exercises. (13-3) assisted in a sunken boat call out and members worked two days in STA Marathon's galley. Members also completed crew and coxswain training, along with TCT, ICS and Leadership seminars. (13-4) will schedule Hazwoper training to support Coast Guard. Members also investigated an oil spill in North Key and conducted two boat training and Helo ops in CG support. Fitzpatrick did radio watch at STA Marathon. **Division 16**

(16-1) AUXAIR members flew 32 missions for Air Station BQN which included a SAR, some logistics, MOM and operations training. They also assisted at the RIO St. Croix Port State Control. They assisted CG with coxswain training for active duty. The Air Safety workshop at Air Station Borinquen drew record attendance with 41 AUXAIR members and six active CG participating. Nineteen AUXAIR members received awards. (16-3) answered five phone calls for the CG for two boat fires, two boats in distress and one PIW. Those requests were relayed to Sector San Juan.

1. **Community Support:** All three Divisions (1, 13, 16) are working on PE courses with teaching and promoting. (13-1) had two Auxiliary booths at the Key West Ocean-Fest which drew 8,000 visitors. (13-2) has conducted 188 VE's and collected 404 lobster funnels for recycling. They also conducted a road clean-up and had a safety booth at the Marathon Seafood Festival. Four of their members also worked with 13-1 members at Ocean Fest. (13-3) members have conducted several beach clean-ups, dozens of VEs and graduated 19 students in their latest BS&S course. They also hosted an Annual Safe Boating Day. (13-8) members Gross and Marcotte offered boating classes at the local high school. **Division 16 (16-1)** members served of 200 breakfasts at the Seventh Annual Pancake breakfast held at Cheeseburgers. Members created a WOW website to promote NSBW activities and history. **Special Involvement:** SO-PA Redding organized an AUXCHEF class for Key West members. (13-2) published a photo of road clean-up in their local paper, while (13-3) had photos published locally of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Upper Keys Sailing Club and a BS&S course. (16-1) had local media coverage of their pancake breakfast and had releases of the AUXCHEF printed on AUX Live and AUX PA.

**ADSO-PA East: (Divisions 3, 5, 6)** Marie Duda reports that (34) hosted the Coast Guard Academy Cadet Chorale, along with over 100 members Team CG and the public. (37) conducted both night and day helo ops with STA Fort Lauderdale. They also assisted with the Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour in early March. (51) members stood radio watch at STA Lake Worth Inlet. The Aux PA assisted the station while another worked as AUXCHEF.

1. **Community Support:** (36) manned a safety booth for Sea Turtle Day. Members also assisted STA Fort Lauderdale at the Boca Boating and Beach Bash. Over 5,000 people attended the event. (51) conducted safe boating courses at Palm Beach Shores. (52) made fishing line disposal units for use at Jupiter Inlet and also conducted safe boating classes. (54) conducted VE Blitzes and inspected 85 vessels. They also ran two PE classes. (56) manned safe boating booths at the Pelican Island Festival and the Vero Beach Boat Show. (58) members had a VE Blitz in Fort Pierce. (59) held an Open House at their building in Stuart. Their FSO-PA and FSO-MS attended a breakfast at the downtown Stuart Business networking event. The ADSO-PV and FSO PA visited five marinas with the intent to set up VE Blitzes at those locations. **Special Involvement:** (51) submitted a feature article and photos to *Navigator Express*. (54) members are engaged in planning events for NSBW. (58)

submitted three articles to *Scripps Treasure Coast*. (59) had the *Stuart News* publish an article about their Open House.

**ADSO-PA West: (Divisions 7, 8, 9, 11, 15) Toni** Borman reports **Division 8 (81)** had several members do watchstanding at STA Cortez for over 76 hours. **(83 and 84)** members participated in Operation Black Swan. **(85)** members Touchton and Howington provided various support for boat handling and various training classes for CG personnel at STA Cortez as well as cooking and general housekeeping. **Division 9 (91)** watch stands at STA Fort Myers beach. **(9-10)** One member was involved in Operation Black Swan. **(95)** members were called out on two assists and one SAR. **Division 11 (11-1)** continues its support of C-130 operations, OD duty and watch standing at STA Sand Key. **(11-9, 11-10)** maintain significant support to both STA Sand Key and Clearwater Air Station. **Division 15 (15-8)** had four members involved in Operation Black Swan.

1. **Community Support: (83, 84, 85)** worked together on the DeSoto Seafood Festival with staffing for a booth at the Bradenton Auditorium. **(86)** brought their Communication trailer to the Venice Sharks Tooth Festival and put in over 100 hours on the event. **(93)** is training members of the Gulfcoast Sailing Club in navigation and they just completed BS&S with 15 graduates. **(94)** participated in a Water Safety Event in the Lehigh Acres Community Pool and are planning for another such event with the City of La Belle. **(95)** had several fund raising events for Veteran's Memorial in Marco. **(98)** has received a Proclamation from the City of Punta Gorda for NSBW. **(99, 9-10)** AUXCHEF members continue to prepare meals at STA Fort Myers Beach. **(11-1)** gave a presentation to Cornerstone Preschool in Clearwater. **Division 11** flotillas are heavily involved in promoting NSBW activities and in receiving Proclamations from various government agencies. **(11-3)** will install memorial bricks for the veteran's memorial. They also have 12 students for and ABS class. **(11-6)** members participated in a local boat parade. **(11-9)** is finalizing plans for display tables at a local West Marine during NSBW. **(11-10)** FSO-PA Montembeault is active with promotions for Touch a Truck, Sector St. Pete Open House and for support of Land Events. **(15-3)** did multiple recruiting, VE and RBS contacts at the Parade of Senior event. Their VE involvement in the Bassmaster Elite Series Tournament resulted in 44 VSC stickers being awarded. **(15-7)** was involved at the Horseshoe Beach Parade with an informational booth and display. They also participated at the National Night Out in Chiefland and the Suwannee fishing tournament with display and informational booths. **(15-8)** had six students finished ABS and had numerous personnel man their display booth at the eight day Hernando County Fair which attracted almost 500 visitors. **Special Involvement:** **Division 8** flotillas are all active in promoting PE and the usual announcements. **(86)** members Frank and Bidwick submitted articles to Div. 8 newsletter. **(87)** Neilsen continues to write for *Waterline* magazine and maintain a spreadsheet of Divisions' 8 and 9 activities which is carried in local media. **(93)** had an article on their Port City Day published in *Naples Daily News* and other articles published in the *Sun Times*. **Division 11 (11-1,**

**11-3, 11-7, 11-9, 11-10)** have had numerous schedules and articles published in various news outlet across the division.

**Unique Support your department has provided to USCG missions:**

See all of the above. The various flotillas throughout the District have actively promoted the CG and all of their missions with support and by informing the boating public of RBS issues and training. DSO-PA had article about SPAR/Auxiliary member, Dorothy Kurtz, published in D7 Connection. The article also went up to National for possible inclusion in *Navigator*.