

District Staff Officer-Public Affairs Monthly Report

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U.S. Coast Guard Support:

ADSO- PA North: (Div. 2, 10, 12) Roy Crittenden reports no CG involvement this month.

1. **Community Support North: Division 2 (22 and 29) and members from neighboring (81)** had numerous members participate in the Atlanta Boat Show. Crittenden coordinated the effort (his 15th year). Over thirty five Auxiliarists manned the booth in various 3-4 hour shifts. Over 100 visitors signed up for VSCs, and boating safety courses.
(25) FSO-PA Rudy is coordinating participation for the Greenville, S.C. Boat Show. **Special Involvement: Div. 2 (21)** FSO-PA McMenamin submitted an article to local media on their COW. (22) participated in a Christmas Parade and worked jointly with the Georgia National Guard for a Wreaths Across America event at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton. (29) Roy Crittenden continues to publish monthly safe boating articles in the *Lakeside on Lanier* newspaper. ABS announcements will appear in seven newspapers and on three local radio stations. Last year they graduated 160 ABS participants.

ADSO- PA Northeast: (Div. 4, 14, 17) Bill Giers reports: ADSO Giers provided support for USCG Station and MSD at Port Canaveral with emphasis on coastal clean-up which involved partnerships with Disney, active and AUX CG at Cocoa Beach, FL. Assistance was also given to organize for a STA Port Canaveral visit by ADM Baumgartner. Also, a morale event, "Pirates at the Pier" and a trip to Gasparilla Pirate festival was arranged.

1. **Community Support: Division 14 (14-7)** is planning 10 PA events for the membership during the next several months. **Special Involvement: (14-4)** is planning PE schedules which will be posted in local newspapers. (14-7) has distributed PE schedule to local media.

ADSO-PA South: (Div. 1, 13, 16) Lourdes Oliveras reports: **Div. 13 (13-1)** members Pratt and Galligan assisted Sector Key West with building a float "Key West Express" for the Key West Christmas Parade. It took Third Place. Air patrol (Tiger 5) located a capsized boat with three POB and directed a rescue from Station Islamorada. (Tiger 3) stayed on station until the CG rescue boat arrived. (13-2) air crew assisted in the apprehension of a TOI (target of interest) for unauthorized entry into Cuba and the interception of immigrants. **Div. 16 (16-1)** flew sixteen missions for CG Air Station

BQN. Auxiliary members assisted RIO St. Croix Port State Control Dispatching. They also provided safety zone patrol for a Christmas Boat Parade in Christiansted.

1. **Community Support South: Division 13 (13-2)** members conducted VE's at Galaway Bay. Their BS and S course graduated ten students. **(13-3)** members held a VE Blitz at Venture Out and performed 49 vessel safety checks. They also conducted a beach clean-up. Members conducted 32 marine visits. **(13-8)** will have a newly elected Sheriff (Rick Ramsey) and State Attorney Catherine Vogel as guest speakers at their Flotilla meeting. **Division 16 (16-1)** is active in the Waterway Watch program. **Special Involvement: All three Divisions are actively promoting PE classes.** **Div. 13 (13-2)** SO-PA Redding worked on a local media video to educate the public on Auxiliary Air Operations. Local newspapers carried photos and articles of newly elected Flotilla and Division Commanders. Redding presented a congratulatory letter from USCG Auxiliary National Commodore during an Eagle Scout Ceremony. Photos and an article appeared in a local newspaper about the event. **(13-3)** FC Fincannon arranged with the local Sheriff to have lighted road signs, "Wear Your Life Vest", on various roads throughout the keys. **Division 16 (16-1)** had media coverage of a boat parade and two events published in the D-7 Connection.

ADSO-PA East: (3, 5, 6) Marie Duda reports: **Division 3 (32)** conducted ATON/CU night patrol. **(36)** conducted 10 training patrols and ATON photographing. **(37)** assisted with both daytime and nighttime helo operations. **(38)** members regularly enter STA Fort Lauderdale's MISLE database to free up active duty personnel. They also hosted a holiday Dinner Celebration with twelve active duty personnel enjoying the event.

Division 5 members stood radio watch at STA Fort Worth Inlet and a **(51)** member served as the Station's PA contact.

1. **Community Support: Division 3** members attended USCG STAFLR's Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony. **(34)** participated in two holiday parades. The Pompano Beach Holiday parade drew large crowds. **(36)** members were involved in boat parades in Boca Raton, Pompano and Fort Lauderdale. **Division 5 (59)** FSO-PA gave a presentation to the St. Lucie Sailing Club about the Auxiliary and their ongoing boating safety program. **Special Involvement: Division 5** Wilson Riggan had an article published in the *Navigator*. Hank Cushard, FSO-PA, wrote a profile on CWO4 Randy Ryan which appeared in the *D7 Connection and Flasher 5*. **(51)** FSO-PA Art Slepian published an article on Division 5's COW in the *D7 Connection*.

ADSO-PA West: (7, 8, 9, 11, 15) Toni Borman reports that **Division 7** is working with Sector St. Pete PADET to hold a news conference promoting boating safety and VEs. Other agencies involved include the CG, Hillsborough Sheriff's Dept., FWC and the Tampa Police Dept. **Division 8 (81)** members Fesko and Jones worked 57 hours as Watch standers at Station Cortez. Three other members are training for Radio Watch at the Station. Bill Becket is training on CG facilities, while Greg Owens trains for Pollution assistance and Karla Owens cooks for the station as an AUXCHEF. Members Howington and Touchton continue to teach chart reading and navigation to STA Cortez Guardsmen. Jane Touchton cleans, sews, stands radio watch and does other chores at the

Station. (84) members also assist STA Cortez with AUXCHEFs. (85) members will provide support to STA Cortez during the USCG Standards Team Support visit and inspection. (86) provided three AUX facilities to train with active duty personnel.

Division 9 (91) continues to do radio watch at STA FMB. **(93 and 95)** completed an ATON project in their AOR at the request of the Fort Lauderdale ANT. **(93)** conducted a safety patrol for the Naples Christmas Boat Parade at the request of STA FMB. **(95)** was chosen to receive an Award of Merit by the National Boating Safety Congress for their Water Wise program. **(9-10)** members Irvin and Petritz towed a deceased female manatee to a local dock at the request of STA FMB. It was picked up by FWC for transport to St. Pete. **Division 11** is busy preparing for the CG Band visit. **(11-1)** continues to support Station Sand Key and Air Station Clearwater with facility support for surface operations and C-130 drops. **Division 15 (15-1)** provided a turkey dinner for STA Yankeetown with support from Publix and the Auxiliary. Even the station's dog, Mayday, was given gifts. Auxiliarist Steve Hampton was given an award for doing an excellent job as radio watch stander on a recent SAR case.

1. **Community Support:** All Divisions are active in promoting and teaching boating safety classes. **Division 8 (83)** conducted VE/PA activity at the Riviera Dunes Marina. **(85)** is working to give talks about the Auxiliary and boating safety to civic groups that border the Manatee River. **Division 9 (91)** member Eaton chaired the Fort Myers Beach Boat parade. **(98)** gave a Water Emergencies presentation at Platinum Point Yacht Club. SO-PA Adubato will visit the Charlotte County Boat Show for the Division. **Division 11 (11-3)** has received their memorial bricks. The mural on their Flotilla building continues to attract media and community interest. They have added over 20 new members. **(11-3 and 11-6)** had 100% flotilla participation in the Toys for Tots project. **(11-10)** participated in the Dunedin Holiday Parade. They are actively promoting safe boating classes. **Division 15 (15-1 and 15-2)** had some cross training. **(15-3)** members participated in three parades in late December.

(15-8) participated in the Toys for Tots program **Special Involvement:** **Division 7** had news releases for a VSC Blitz and the Gandy Boat Ramp. They also had both radio and television coverage. **Division 8** has placed signs along highways promoting boating safety. **(87)** Neilsen continues to publish his monthly boating safety articles in the *Waterline*. **Division 9 (98)** has PSAs on Clear Channel Radio promoting their spring PE classes. **(93)** published an article on their 60th anniversary in the *Naples Daily News*. **Division 11** flotillas sent out PA releases for their upcoming boating safety classes. **Division 15** is actively promoting their BS and S classes in Hernando county newspapers and the Tourism Office.

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