

District Staff Officer-Public Affairs Monthly Report

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Still having issues with Divisions 6, 10 and 12 **not reporting** activity. ADSOs covering those areas report that they have made numerous contacts in trying to remedy this problem. If it cannot be resolved shortly, I will make contact at the Division level with the hopes that the “non-reporting” issue can be rectified.

U.S. Coast Guard Support:

ADSO-PA North: (Divisions 2, 10, 12) Roy Crittenden reports no unique support to the U.S. Coast Guard this month.

1. **Community Support North: Division 2(21, 22)** are actively promoting their ABS schedules at marinas in their areas with (22) concentrating around Lake Allatoona with releases in local newspapers and selected monthly magazines. (21) members are making preparations to man safety booths at two 3-day boat shows in their area. (25) FSO-PA Rudy and a new flotilla member set up a safety booth at the Seneca Newcomer’s Club. Several attendees expressed interest in the ABS course and in membership. (29) is pushing plans for the flotillas participation in the 2-day Lake Lanier Islands Arts Festival and Boat Show. Another member, D. Joyce, will have a safety booth at the Boy Scout Jamboree at the Gwinnet County Fairgrounds. The flotilla is also preparing to conduct VEs and manning a safety booth during NSBW on Lake Lanier.

Special Involvement: ADSO-PA Crittenden had his monthly article titled “Situational Awareness...” published in the Lakeside on Lanier newspaper. He also promoted ABS courses in 8 newspapers and 3 radio stations. He presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Gwinnett Daily Post which has been a longtime supporter of the Auxiliary. In a unique deal which involves (22 and 29) the Corps of Engineers at Lake Allatoona and Lake Lanier will offer a free 1-year pass to selected parks if the recreational boater can produce a completion certificate of a safe boating course. The flotillas are hoping this will boost their PE classes. Crittenden reports that he heard one of their PSA announcements for an ABS course broadcast over WDUN Radio in Gainesville and was impressed with the presentation. He sent an email “of thanks” to the station manager.

ADSO-PA Northeast: (Divisions 4, 14, 17) Bill Giers reports that (17-6) supported Station Port Canaveral with a four person Color Guard for a celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution (which historically occurred just off Cape Canaveral in 1783). Two members acted as flag bearers, while one member played Taps on the bugle and ADSO-PA Giers sang the National Anthem. Giers also was involved with PAO for the Station and with writing speeches for the event.

1. **Community Support Northeast: Division 4 (43)** members will man a safety booth for the Antique Boat Show in Tavares, FL this coming weekend. (48) will conduct ABS classes in March and will do a VE Blitz at the Edgewater Landing. **Division 14 (14-7)** had a Safety Booth at Nocatee Center, Ponte Vedra and had a CG Station Mayport 25' boat on hand. They have also staffed safety booths and Safety Outreach exhibits on various dates in March in St. Augustine. Their Outreach at the Vilano Ramp drew 55 contacts. FSO-PA is gearing up for an Environmental Education Day/Kid's Ocean Day with expected participation of over 200 3rd grade students. **Division 17** SO-PA is working with a Sea Scout Troop. (17-6 and 17-9) are working on various outreach programs: they presented a slide show of Boating Safety at NASA Safety Day, provided a safety zone in support of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and will man booths at the Harbor Town Nautical Flea Market and the Indian River Festival. (17-9) will provide a safety booth at the TICO Air Show in Titusville. **Special Involvement: Division 4 (43)** had an article and pictures in their Division newsletter. They also created and distributed flyers for Water Safety Day. (14-7) released numerous media PSAs to newspapers and radio about their Safety Classes which are planned for presentation at St. Johns River State College, St. Augustine Campus.
2. **Planning for upcoming NSBW (Division 14)** has already begun extension preparations for NSBW with planned Safe Boating Displays and VE Blitzes at various locations throughout their AOR. Some of the activities are planned in conjunction with joint Power Squadron involvement.

ADSO-PA South: (Division 1, 13 and 16) Lourdes Oliveras reports that **Division 13** had two watch-standers in training. They conducted five air patrols and assisted Station Marathon with towing exercises and also had two pollution call-outs. The Division is also actively training five new boat crew and one coxswain. They are also involved in "mess deck" renovation at Sector Key West. Their Operations personnel visited CG Station Miami for a tour of fixed wing and helo operations. **Division 16 (16-1)** flew 20 missions for Air Station BQN. RIO St. Croix assisted Port State Control for 40 hours and also provided Coxswain training for active duty personnel. AUXAIR also transported incoming D7 RADM for future planning.

1. **Community Support:** All three Divisions are actively promoting PE classes. **Division 13 (13-1)** had a safety booth at the Key West Conch Festival. (13-3) graduated 22 BS&S students, conducted two beach clean-ups, recruited six new members, had a safety booth at the Sugarloaf Fire Dept. and a VE Blitz at the Sunshine Key. (13-8) manned a safety booth at the Nautical Flea Market and the Caribe Boat Show. **Division 16 (16-1)** is actively involved in the Waterway Watch program. They manned a safety booth at the Annual Valentine's Jump Up in Christiansted and held a VE day at the St. Croix Yacht Club. **Special Involvement: (13-8)** David Goodhue published a front page story on Sanctuary Protection Areas in the *Upper Keys Reporter*. (16-1) had media coverage of member Robert Marcy's funeral which included a burial at sea. ADSO-PA Oliveras assisted with several PA Oral Boards.

ADSO-PA East: (Divisions 3, 5, 6) Marie Duda reports the **Division 3 (32)** members completed AUXCHEF training at STA Fort Lauderdale and will begin preparing meals for active duty at the Station. **Division 5 (51)** had three members do watch standing at STA Lake Worth Inlet, with one member working as AUXCHEF and another assisting as a PA officer.

1. **Community Support: Division 3 (32)** members assisted with the Barefoot Mailman hike which involved hundreds of Boy Scouts. They coordinated the Scouts and their leaders at the dock with the boarding of Aux facilities. They also provided boating safety material for the Scoutmaster Camporee at Markhan Park in Fort Lauderdale. **Division 5 (51)** began NSBW preparations by seeking DCDR5 permission to obtain NSBW proclamations from local mayors. **(56)** members had safety booths at the Pelican Island Festival and at the Vero Beach Boat Show. **(59)** is promoting their open house in Stuart with numerous media releases and flyers. **Special Involvement: (51)** submitted articles to *Navigator Express* and *CG Aux Live*. **(58)** had their VE Blitz schedule published in the *Scripps Treasure Coast* newspapers. **(59)** had media coverage by *Treasure Coast* newspapers of their VE blitzes at Meridian Marina and Yacht Club in Palm City. Their Open House event was featured in an on-line article and covered in the *TC Palm*.

ADSO-PA West: (Divisions 7, 8, 9, 11, 15) Toni Borman reports that **Division 7** SO-PA Tim Teahan assisted Sector St. Pete with their Open House by prepping two CG members for a TV interview and by coordinating Aux photographers and videographers with Sector PADET. **Division 8 (81, 83, 84, 85, 86, and 87)** members assisted **7 and 11** with Sector St. Pete's Open House. Members provided on-the-water security for the Coast Guard and also manned an Information Booth. **(83 and 84)** coxswains performed a towing demonstration. Paulette Parent and Toni Borman continue to teach AUXCHEF in support of meal preparations for Coast Guard units. **(81)** member, Fesko stood **34 hours** of radio watch at STA Cortez and members Beckett performed **4 hours** duty while Allen Jones worked **68 hours** as a Watch stander trainee. Kambrieris worked **20 hours** at STA Cortez in training and setting up AUXFAC support. His vessel also provided 6.4 hours of OTW in direct support of STA Cortez. **(85)** members Howington and Touchton continue with training for new CG personnel and Auxiliarists in Navigation. They also conduct boat drills for patrol boat handling and boarding procedures. Jane Touchton continues to conduct house-keeping duties and radio watch at the station. **Division 9 (91)** members continue to radio watch-stand approximately 30+ hours a month at STA Fort Myers Beach. **(9-10)** AUXCHEF Salis continues to cook for active duty at STAFMB at least once a week. **Division 11** spent hundreds of hours in setting up and promoting the visit by the Coast Guard band only to have the event cancelled due to sequester. **(11-9, 11-10)** continue on the water support of C-130 missions. **Division 15** has three radio watch standers assisting STA Yankeetown.

1. **Community Involvement: Division 7 (72)** continues to promote its Boating Safety classes on two Tampa Radio Stations, which promote fishing related shows on WFLA and WDAE. **(74)** FSO-PA is working with Hillsborough

County Library Branch in Brandon for a safe boating presentation. (75) FSO-PA promoted Boating Safety to a class of third graders at a school in Ruskin, FL. **Division 8** (81, 83) members staffed a safety booth at the Cortez Fish Festival. 83 had their new Aux Communication Unit at the event. (81) members set up an information booth at the Holmes Beach West Marine for two days. (84) Borman and Averso represented the Auxiliary at the Southside Elementary School Science Fair which had about 800 attendees. 84 members conducted VEs at the Sarasota Outboard Motor Club while other members presented a Safe Boating Program. (85) had a PA booth at the Anna Maria Island Holmes Beach City Fest. (86) member, Judi Bidwick, gave boating safety presentations at the Venture Cruise Club in Osprey and at the Venice Yacht Club. **Division 9** (91) member attended meeting of Greater Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce. They also had an RBS booth at the Blessing of the Shrimp Fleet. (93) had their 15th annual Port City Day in Naples and manned an RBS booth and held Open House at their flotilla building. (96) had safety equipment on display and STAFMB sent a 33'boat and gave visitors a tour. (93) graduated 15 from their BS&S class. (94) promoted boating safety at the Swamp Cabbage Festival which drew 339 people to their display. They also had active duty Marine Safety Detachment on site for several hours. (98) participated in the Burnt Store Marina RBS exhibit. They performed 50 VEs at the event. (9-10) performed over thirty VEs at the Landings Marina in Fort Myers. They also manned an information booth at Lee Civic Center Boat Show. **Division 11** (11-1) had a VE Blitz at the Clearwater Yacht Club. (11-3) graduated 12 ABS students. They were present at a Touch a Truck event in Largo and were part of the Open House event at the Seminole Fire and Rescue Station. (11-10) Montembeault assisted in setting up the land displays at Sector St. Pete's Open house. **Division 15** (15-1) and STA Yankeetown teamed up to assist at the 9th Annual Kids Fishing Clinic in Crystal River. They also had a safety booth set up at the Annual Rotary Boat Show in late February. (15-3) participated in the 3 day Miller Boat Show. They established ABS classes with Francis Marion Military Academy, Ocala Boat Club and Marion County Bassmasters. (15-8) members participated in the 3 day Swamp Fest. **Special Involvement: Division 8** Some flotillas displayed signs along the highways promoting boating safety classes. (87) Neilsen continues to write his monthly articles for *Waterline Magazine*. He also maintains a spreadsheet of Division 8 and 9 PE classes. **Division 9** (93) had two press releases about Port City Day in the *Naples Daily News* and *Florida Weekly*. (95) got coverage in the *Coastal Breeze* for their SAR rescue which occurred in January. Another article on flare training also appeared in that edition. Two articles on "Boating Tips" were published in the *Sun Times*. **Division 11** (11-1, 11-3 and 11-10) have published ABS classes in their local papers. (11-6) had a boating article published. (11-7, 11-9) are actively trying to secure media involvement in their activities. **Division 15** (15-1) has published two articles in local media.

Unique Support your department has provided to USCG missions. See numerous items in this report for the various Divisions. DSO PA, at the request of Sector St. Pete will attend a luncheon, which features WWII SPAR Dorothy Kurtz. Kurtz will be the speaker at the “Women’s History” luncheon. DSO will prepare an article with photos for possible publication in Auxiliary Media outlets.