

District Staff Officer-Public Affairs Monthly Report

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Most Divisions are reporting PA activities; however, Divisions 1, 6 and 13 are not providing information about their PA events. Most divisions are sending out numerous PSA and course schedules to local media. Division 17 PA has resigned and they are looking for a replacement.

U.S. Coast Guard Support:

ADSO-PA North: (Divisions 2, 10, 12) Roy Crittenden reports that **Division 10 (10)** provided Port Security for Station Brunswick during a BS&S course. They also checked IDs of guests at the station and provided a dinner for station personnel.

1. **Community Support: Division 2 (21)** FSO-PA McMenamin met with local and state law enforcement officials and with governmental officials to promote Georgia's new boating laws. The flotilla also set up a safety booth at Hayes Marine. Jim Ellsi presented a water safety class at Blue Ridge Elementary School. **(22)** set up a safety booth at the Pro Wakeboard Tournament at Lake Acworth. **(25)** An article by FSO PA Rudy on a kayak related drowning at Lake Jocasee prompted a reader to relate his efforts to form a 501 JC organization in both Missouri and South Carolina which promote life jackets. **(25) members** also had a safety booth at West Marine in Anderson, S.C. The flotilla got off to an early kick-off for NSBW with a safety booth at West Marine in Anderson, S.C. **(29)** FSO-PA Crittenden and B. Smith worked a safety booth and performed VSCs at Aqualand Marina. They also held VSCs at Lake Lanier and Lake Lanier Islands to kick off NSBW. **Division 10 (2)** had a safety booth at the Harbor Fest at Priest Landing on Skidaway Island. **(10)** manned a safety booth at the annual Blessing of the Fleet at Darier, GA. **Division 12 (4, 10)** had a safety booth and "Coastie" at the annual Blessing of the Inlet at Murell's Inlet which attracted about 4,000 attendees. **(4)** They also got NSBW Proclamations from the City of Conway, Horry County Council, Myrtle Beach City council and the town of Surfside Beach. **(10)** SO-PA Gettman attended the Four Chaplains service in Andrews. Members also attended the Grand Opening of the Boat Shed in Georgetown, S.C. The flotilla also got an NSBW Proclamation from the Georgetown Mayor. **Special Involvement: Division 2** FSO PA McMenamin had two TV interviews about the new Georgia boating safety laws. FSO-PA Crittenden had an article on NSBW published in the *Lakeside on Lanier* newspaper and had their ABS course promoted in 8 newspapers and 3 radio stations.

ADSO-PA Northeast: Bill Giers reports that **Division 14 (14-2, 14-4, 14-7)** each had ongoing radio watch at STA Mayport. ADSO-PA Giers gives ongoing support to STA Port Canaveral and MSD.

1. **Community Support: Division 4 (43)** will man a safety booth in Leesburg, FL for the Water Safety Day at the Venetian Gardens Park. They will give two children's life jackets to attendees (door prize) and will also do VEs and a life jacket demonstration. They'll be at Buzzards Beach ramp and at MT. Dora to do VEs during NSBW. **(44)** will be offering two sessions of VEs at the Halifax Marina in Daytona Beach with one in conjunction with the USPS. They will also have games for children with a "Ready, Set, Wear It theme. **Division 14 (14-5, 14-7,)** report NSBW Proclamations from Putnam County, City of Palatka and the city of Welaka. **(14-5)** has actively participated in Putnam County's St. Johns River cleanup efforts. The Division has also be involved in the Friends of A1A Scenic and Historical Coastal Byway "Kid's Ocean Day". FSO DV Schultz gave the first presentation of the Maritime Environmental Program to over 280 attendees. The division also manned a Boating Safety Exhibit at the Jacksonville Zoo in partnership with the local YMCA. **Special Involvement: Division 4 (43)** has sent out press releases to newspapers in Leesburg and Orlando about their boating classes. Two members will be interviewed about NSBW on radio WVLG. **(44)** had releases in the Daytona Beach News Journal about NSBW and the Crystal Award presented to Wyotech. Another member will be interviewed about NSBW on Goliath radio. **Division 14 (14-7)** SO-PA and FSO-PA have made extensive contacts with local media to develop PSAs and an interview by them on WYRE leading up to their NSBW Kickoff. FSO DV Schultz visited the radio station WFOY and ended up giving a 20 minute airtime interview about the Auxiliary, boating safety and NSBW.

ADSO-PA South: Divisions 1, 13, 16) Lourdes Oliveras reports that **Division 16 (1)** has been exceedingly busy with AUXAIR patrols for Air Station BQN. They have supplied 22 hours of support to RIO St. Croix Port State Control. Flotilla members were active with USCG personnel in meetings concerning sexual harassment issues, missions, facilities and logistical and strategical planning. SO-PA Fabich completed AUXCHEF training a Clearwater Air Station. Fabich will bring AUXCHEF to Sector San Juan.

1. **Community Support: Division 16 (1)** held a pancake breakfast and Cheeseburgers in America's Paradise. They also presented an ABS course at the St. Croix Yacht Club. Members worked alongside active duty to participate in a roadside cleanup in preparation for the annual Triathlon. They picked up about one ton of trash along a three mile stretch of highway in St. Croix's central sector. (1) is also working with various local organizations (National Park Service, Customs, Port Authority and others) to promote NSBW. "Inky the Whale" was presented to K 4&5 students at Sion Christian Academy. (2) is planning several NSBW activities **Special Involvement:** ADSO-PA Oliveras assisted with two PA Oral Boards.

ADSO-PA East: Marie Duda reports that **Division 5 (51)** had three members stand radio watch at STA Fort Worth, one member served as PA officer and one member worked as an AUXCHEF providing meals to active personnel. Division 15 had approximately 19 members serve on the Black Swan Exercise.

1. **Community Support: Division 5 (51)** conducted safety courses at Palm Beach Shores. (52) members participated in the Jupiter Dive Center's "Clean the Reef" event by assisting the public. (54) is busy conducted safety classes. (59) FSO PA gave a NSBW presentation to the Marine Assoc. of the Treasure Coast in Fort Pierce and about "Wear Your Life Jacket to Week" to support NSBW, National Marina Day and promoted both a boating safety course and a course of "Suddenly in Command". **Special Involvement: (51)** had articles on AUXCHEF posted on *Coast Guard Auxiliary Live* and also an approved article on Black Swan. (54, 58, 59) pushed safety courses in local newspapers and press releases about NSBW.

ADSO PA West: (7,8,9,11,15) Toni Borman reports that **Division 8 (81)** Petrucci presented a safety briefing at the annual AUXAIR Workshop at Clearwater Air Station. The Division also continues to support Station Cortez with radio watch, training, ATON inspections and AUXCHEF meal preparation. (83, 85) performed towing drills with STA Cortez, while Bidwick and Frank (86) provided meals. (83) P. Parent represented CG during a mobile Kitchen Rally and Sanitation Program. **Division 9 (91)** continues radio watch for STAFMB. (93) checked all ATONS from Clam Pass to Capri Pass. (99, 9-10) Provide AUXCHEF meals for STAFMB. **Division 11 (11-1, 11-9, 11-10)** continue support of C-130 training and watch standing at Air Station Clearwater and STA Sand Key. (11-3) participated in a Salute to the Military Parade. **Division 15 (15-8)** provided two ATON patrols for STA Yankeetown. Two members (Truthans) completed AUXCHEF program at Air Station Clearwater.

1. **Community Support: Division 7 (79)** will have media coverage for their Ready, Set, Wear It event for NSBW. (79, 79, 74, 75, 7-16) all have VE events scheduled for NSBW. (75) will promote BS&S classes at a Nautical Flea Market in Ruskin. **Division 8 (84)** received a NSBW Proclamation from the County Commissioner. Borman participated in the Booker Elementary Career School Days and talked about NSBW and the Auxiliary. (83, 85) combined efforts in support of the USCG at the Regatta Beach Nautical Expo and will provide VEs at the Palmetto Beach Boat Ramp in support of NSBW. (86) Bidwick gave a boating safety presentation to 80 members of the Sertoma Club. **Division 9 (94)** received a NSBW Proclamation from Collier County and participated in the Earth Day/Fun Day in LaBelle. (93, 95) worked together to support the Isle of Capri's Kayak Festival. (95) will offer after school BS&S program to Marco Island Academy and is also working with the Marco Island PD and Marine Division to provide needed assistance. FSO-PA Wohltman presented a Cruising Safety program to Marco Island Newcomers. (98) received a NSBW Proclamation from the city of Punta Gorda and Charlotte County. FSO-PA Schlitt gave a boating safety presentation to Punta Gorda Isles Newcomers. **Division 11 (11-1)** conducted two Outreach efforts

to recruit members, while (11-3) gained two members through Outreach. (11-6) was involved in three PA events at the Chasco Boat parade, the First Annual Durney Key Paddlecraft Challenge and a JROTC award ceremony at River Ridge H S. (11-9, 11-10) Jennings and Montembeault worked jointly in support of the Dunedin Touch-a-Truck event which also included Coastie tattooing, boating information and Officer Snook Trash game. (11-10) received a NSBW Proclamation from the Dunedin Mayor. **Division 15 (15-3)** have VEs and a safety booth planned for a NSBW event on Carney Island. (15-8) will be involved with Hernando County in a Hurricane and Safety Expo held at Weeki Wachee Springs State Park. They will receive a NSBW Proclamation from Hernando County and will hold NSBW events at Sam's Club, and the Weeki Wachee Springs State Park. **Special Involvement:** **Division 8 (87)** Neilsen continues to write safety articles for the *Waterline*. **Division 9 (93)** Adubato continues with his monthly safety articles for the *Naples Daily News*. (95) had four articles on boating tips published in the *Marco Sun Times*. **Division 11 (11-1, 11-3, 11-7, 11-9, and 11-10)** have all had various articles on boating safety released in their area through various media outlets. (11-10) is working on a combined boating and biking safety event. **Division 15 (15-3)** FSO-PA Thruthan completed the Oral Boards for PA1. (15-1, 15-3, and 15-8) have sent various articles and PSAs to local media and the D-7 Breeze and Navigator.

Unique Support your department has provided to USCG missions:
The various Divisions have provided support to the CG with watch standing, AUXAIR support, C-130 practice support, ATON verifications, MOM support, and with small boat station training and assistance.