

District Staff Officer-Public Affairs Monthly Report

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All Divisions are busy promoting and conducting PE classes and in trying to recruit Auxiliary members.

U.S Coast Guard Support:

ADSO PA North: Roy Crittenden reports that **Div. 2 (21)** represented the CG at the Ironman Triathlon with a vessel facility on the Savannah River to oversee the safety of 3,500 swimmers. **Div. 17** SO-PA Giers is working with commercial fishermen to inform them of new mandatory vessel exam regulations.

1. **Community Support North: Div. 2 (21)** made a presentation to the Augusta Arts Council for the Ironman Event. **(22)** has contacted the Boy Scouts to conduct VSCs on their vessels in the local area. **(25)** FSO-PA Rudy will present patriotism classes to elementary and high school student and will wear his volunteer Army Veteran hat. **Div. 12 (12-1)** had a VE blitz and safety booth at Scarborough's Landing. **(12-4)** Members acted as judges in the South Atlantic Shrine Assoc. Annual Meeting at Myrtle Beach. **(12-10) and (12-4)** will work jointly at the Georgetown Wooden Boat Show. **(12-1)** members patrolled the "Three Stump Barge Party" in Potato Creek, Lake Marion. They continue to stencil safety signs at major boat ramps on Lake Marion. **Div. 17 (17-11)** gave appreciation certificates signed by CWO Perry to local donors for Coast Guard Day. They also are coordinating the toy drive (Annual, "Fill the Boat") for needy children in Orange and Osceola Counties. **Special Involvement: Div. 2 (25)** FSO PA Rudy submitted an article promoting Auxiliary membership to *Country Roads Magazine* and the *Hartwell Lake News*. ADSO PA Roy Crittenden had his monthly article on boating safety published in *Lakeside on Lanier* Newspaper. He promoted PE courses in 8 local newspapers and 3 radio stations. **Div. 12 (12-1)** has announcements for ABS in local papers on both sides of Lake Marion. **(12-10)** will have their new "Coastie" at the Georgetown Wooden Boat Show. **(12-6)** was awarded First Place in the Commodore's Cup Award and **(29)** was awarded Third Place. **Div. 17 (17-2)** is working with TV 13 to get a calendar of Aux events on air. They are also trying to obtain radio support. **(17-6)** has news releases and course offerings in local papers in *Happenings in Port St. John, Florida Today* and *Hometown*. SO PA Crittenden is coordinating Aux involvement for the 2013 Atlanta Boat Show.

ADSO-PA South: Lourdes Oliveras reports that **Div. 13** members continue to serve as radio watch-standers at Station Marathon, Station Islamorada and Key West on a regular basis. Hawk-eye watch-standers also assist at Key West. **13-8** assisted Coast Guard Helo operations with weekly water training. Two members of **13-2** attended Close Quarter Boat Handling Instructor's Course in St. Pete at the request of the Station Marathon Commander. **Div. 16 (16-1)** flew 26 air missions for Air Station Borinquen, some of which included training of new Active Duty for AOR familiarity. TCT training was also provided for 8 active duty RIO personnel. Dominican Republic CG Auxiliary is being trained to work with Sector San Juan CGAUX. SO-PA Fabich recently obtained a Port State Control Scheduler status after finishing a PQS and oral board conducted by active duty personnel.

1. **Community Support South: Div. 1, 13 and 16** are actively promoting PE classes in news print schedules and articles. **13-2 and 13-3** are involved in road clean-up. They also conducted VSCs at local businesses, Home Depot and Wal-Mart. **13-2** continues its lobster funnel recycle program with local fishermen (167 recycled thus far). **Div. 16** continues with its Waterway Watch program and with training new members for VE. **Special Involvement: Div. 16** had an article in the D7 *Breeze* highlighting the USCG RIO Commander getting a VSC on his personal boat. D7 Connection also had article on members Melucci and Bundy assisting Gold side divers in checking navigational aids.

ADSO PA East: Diane Riggan reports that filming for *Coast Guard Florida* is concluded and that active and Auxiliary personnel were used in the production. Riggan has coordinated PA coverage for the Veterans Day airshow with Air Station Miami.

1. **Community Support East: Div. 5 (51)** staffed a safety booth in early Sept. at the Florida Fairgrounds. **(59)** participated in safety days at Home Depot. At a later date, Wilson Riggan will present Paddle sport information at a West Marine store. **Special Involvement: Div. 5 (51)** FSO PA Slepian talked to The Florida Weekly editor about submitting press releases. Newspaper coverage has mentioned several times that **(59)** will hold a seminar on Suddenly in Command. *Coastal Angler Magazine* has also made mention of the upcoming course. Arthur Slepian (FSO-PA 51) has been designated as PA 1.

ADSO PA West: Toni Borman reports that **Div. 8 (81)** Petrucci attended a closed meeting with the four CG Air Station Commanding Officers and briefed them on D7 AuxAir and Aviation Safety Programs. Dick Morello gave a three hour aviation safety presentation at the Sept. District Conference. **(83)** members Karla and Ricky Owens continue watch standing a Station Cortez. Karla participated in AuxChef at Station Cortez and aboard the *Joshua Appleby*. **(85)** members Ron and Jane Touchton and other members continue to provide support to Station Cortez. Ron teaches navigation while Jane cooks, stands radio watch and does other miscellaneous jobs around the station.

Members from (82, 83, 85, and 86) train each week with the Coast Guard at STA Cortez. **Div. 9** members (91) stand radio watch at STA Fort Myers Beach several time a week. (92) member Dorothy Kurtz (WWII SPAR) spoke to cadets at the Coast Guard Academy in New London. **Div. 11** (11-1) is preparing for Coast Guard Band visit. (11-9) took STA Sand Key CO McDonnell on AOR familiarization tour near Tarpon Springs and Hudson. (11-10) supports STA Sand Key with operations and tasking.

1. **Community Support-West: Div. 7, 8, 9, 11 and 15** are all promoting PE classes in local media releases. **Div. 8 (81)** held a combination VE/PA event at Coquina Beach on Anna Marina Island. (84) members Averso and Borman spoke at a Luncheon event at Averso's employment about the Auxiliary. Borman represented the Auxiliary at the "Keep Sarasota Beautiful" presentations. (85) offered its first Paddle Sports classes for its community. (86) members had an information booth at Lowes and Home Depot. **Div. 9** (92) assisted in canoe and kayak events in North Port. (93) participated in National Museum Day at Naples Depot Museum. **Div. 11** (11-1) had a safety booth and a USCG Sand Key facility at Indian Rocks Beach in early Oct. (11-6) had a safety booth at the Lutz Small Business Expo and also assisted in Coastal Clean-up. **Div. 15** (15-1) staffed a Sept. 11 Remembrance Day at West Marine. They performed VSCs at a local bait shop. FC Jones and FSO-VE Jones attended the Commissioning Ceremony of U.S. Naval Sea Cadets at STA Yankeetown. (15-2) will conduct VEs at Gulf Launching Ramp this month. (15-3) has sent out flyers for membership recruitment at Lake Weir, Lake Bower and Smith Lake. (15-8) staffed a safety booth at the First Annual Outdoor Expo at the Brooksville Elks. They also presented an appreciation certificate to Weeki Wachee Springs State Park for RBS support. **Special Involvement: Div. 8** (85) Website has been updated to enhance easier access. (86) Judi Bidwick wrote articles for the *Pieces of Eight and the Breeze*. (87) Neilsen continues with articles on safe boating for the *Waterline*. **Div. 9** (93) SO-PA Adubato published an article on ATONs in the *Naples Daily News*. 93's website has been overhauled and includes videos and photos which promote safe boating. (98) recorded 6 PSAs at Clear Channel radio for fall classes. **Div. 11** (11-1) had releases in the *Weekend Mariner*. (11-3) will do an interview with ABC Action News about their mural. (11-9) participated in two SAR cases. **Div.15** (15-1) and (15-8) had articles and announcements in the *Chronicle*.

Unique Support your department has provided to the USCG missions:

DSO PA Irvin had local newspaper coverage for STA Fort Myers Beach mascot "Bandit" finally appear in the *News Press*. Irvin presented PA workshop at District Conference in late September concerning how to obtain "television coverage" for both CG and Auxiliary events.

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