

SO-PA Report

Report for Month: **July 1-30, 2013**

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Flotillas: 16-01, 16-02, 16-03

US Coast Guard Support:

16-01: 1. USCG Air Station BQN - AUXAIR: June - 20 missions totaling 64.4 hours were flown during June which include: 16 MOM, 1 SAR and 3 Logistics. Members also made a formal presentation regarding assets, achievements and plans to the new BQN CO and attended the D7 COC at Air Station Miami.

July- 19 missions totaling 61.6 hours were flown during July which included: 12 MOM, 2 Logistics, 1 Living Marine Resource (Fisheries), 1 Area Familiarization, 1 Waterway Management Support and 2 Maritime Safety.

On July 13, AuxAir BQN hosted their Quarterly Sector/AirStation/AuxAir meeting at Sector San Juan. A total of 34 individuals attended including 23 AuxAir members (including the National Division Chief for Aviation), 10 USCG Active Duty officers, and a representative from the Civil Air Patrol. Attending from Sector San Juan were the Commanding Officer, the Chief of Response, officers from Enforcement and Intel, three officers from USCG Cutters, and the AuxLO. Attending from Air Station Borinquen were the Commanding Officer, the Assistant Operations Officer and the AuxLO.

2. RIO St. Croix Port State Control - 53 hours.

3. Members of the USCG, Auxiliary and Hovensa were served lunch onboard the USCGC Reef Shark during a port stop July 28th. The crew presented an informal training and tour emphasizing how the cutter and local resources work together conducting missions. Lt. Murray, commanding officer, USCG Reef Shark and the crew dedicated their personal free time off for this event.

16-02: No Report

16-03: No Activity

Flags and Ceremonies:

16-01: No Activity

16-02: No Report

16-03: No Activity

Community Support:

16-01: 1. American Waterway Watch program - 23 hours

2. The quarterly Jump-Up held in downtown Christiansted July 5th was themed Alexander Hamilton, founder of the Coast Guard who also lived on St. Croix. Auxiliary participates at this event with an informational booth.

16-02: No Report

16-03: No Activity

Local Media Involvement:

16-01: 1. D7 AUXFS newsletter prints news release about St. Croix's participation in the AUXFS program.

2. TV channel 2 did an excellent job reporting Port Condition information from USCG Officials during Tropical Storm Chantal.

3. D7 Connection prints news release about Rear Admiral Baumgartner's visit to St. Croix honoring his retirement.

16-02: No Report

16-03: No Activity

Problems and Suggested Solutions:

16-01: None

16-02: No Report

16-03: No Activity

Recommendations:

16-01: A division meeting was held July 20th between St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John. Whereas the Flotillas are separated by the ocean it is difficult to hold meetings due

to transportation. This meeting, and several prior, was conducted on line using conference technology such as "Go-To"

Lee Elvins, division commander recommends this type of communication to conduct business in areas where travel distances area cause for low meeting attendance.

16-02: No Report

16-03: No Activity