

SO-PA Report

Report for Month: **October 1-31, 2012.** **Submitted by:** Robert A. Fabich, Sr.

Position: SO-PA 070-16

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

US Coast Guard Support:

16-01: 1. USCG Air Station BQN - 39.4 hours flown during October, which resulted in 15 missions. These missions included 9 MOM at 27.9 hrs, 3 SAR at 8.2 hrs, 3 Logistics at 3.3 hrs.

2. RIO St. Croix Port State Control Dispatching 31 hours.

3. Preparations with Hurricane Rafael.

4. Safety Zone surface operations for Coral Reef Swim.

16-02: Support with open house activities during the Cutter Bernard C. Webber visit.

16-03: No Activity

Flags and Ceremonies:

16-01: 1. Participation with Admiral Papp's visit at BQN Air Station. 5 Aux members flew from STX. Member Charles Fischer received the Shipmate Coin Award personally from Admiral Papp. The award was in recognition of the volunteer hours he has worked during his Auxiliary membership, and the contribution that he has made to the US Coast Guard and the nation during that time. ADM Papp also recognized the value of contributions made by Auxiliarists everywhere, and emphasized that they are an indispensable part of Team Coast Guard.

16-02: None reported

16-03: None reported

Community Support:

16-01: 1. American Waterway Watch program - 34 hours

2. Participation in the Red Ribbon Week event.

3. Coral Reef Swim preplan meeting and Social Oct. 13th. Special appearance by Olympic Gold Medalist swimmer Misty Hyman.

4. Coral Reef Swim international event Oct. 14th.

16-02: No Activity reported

16-03: No Activity reported

Local Media Involvement:

16-01: 1. Broadcast and print media cover Red Ribbon Week event at University of Virgin Island highlighting USCG helicopter from BQN Air Station, PR, Oct. 30th.

2. Print and social media release feature story by PA Specialist Fabich of AAC Auxiliary member Chuck Fischer receiving Admiral Papp's Shipmate Coin Award.

3. Print and Broadcast media covered Commercial Fishing requirements in St. Croix waters. Highlighting RIO St. Croix regulations and enforcement policies along with RBS programs provided by USCG Auxiliary, Oct. 2nd.

16-02: Broadcast and print media cover the open house of Fast Response Cutter Bernard C. Webber.

16-03: No Activity reported

Problems and Suggested Solutions:

16-01: None

16-02: None

16-03: None

Recommendations:

16-01: None

16-02: None

16-03: None

Training:

16-01: 3 members completed the 2nd 8 hour TCT training.

16-02: No Activity reported

16-03: No Activity reported

Other:

16-01: First time a Division meeting elections is held by web Go-To- meeting.

16-02: First time a Division meeting elections is held by web Go-To- meeting.

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