



Sailing with Seven

DIVISION 7 (CENTRAL AND SOUTH TEXAS) DISTRICT 8 COASTAL
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The first division meeting was held via teleconference on February 13th. Voted in favor was the purchasing of batteries and electric needs for *Coastie* (our robot mascot). The Austin based mobile radio station was able to get sponsored funds to add an automated telescoping antenna which will save man-hours and allow for rapid setup.

The next day on the February 14th, the winter storm hit. The leadership rallied to ensure all members were enduring. It was a wake-up call for us all to be better prepared. Some lessons learned were:

Division Meeting and New Year Kickoff

As we begin the recuperation of the USCG Auxiliary, Division 7 kicks off with our new Commander, Berhilo Galvan. His message to us:

"I would only like to add that everyone should be looking forward to a productive 2Q and that hurricane season is right around the corner."

Proceed with caution as things open back up so that we can keep our force healthy and ready to respond."

Things are in motion to get back to operations and public education. Last year the nation saw an almost doubling of water incidents. We can help prevent it with our involvement.



1. Have a checklist for emergency prep (we see hurricanes coming but we did not get the severity reports for this event).
2. **Water, water, water.**
3. External cooking capabilities.
4. Carbon monoxide kills quick! We had a couple close calls.
5. Canned goods.
6. Independent power source and fuel.
7. Food storage and preservation.
8. Pet planning.
9. Drive-away plan. We need to be able to network together to use our geographic differences to our mutual aid advantage.
10. Texas building code not up to par for freezing temperatures. Home modifications?

Having no plan is a plan to fail. A plan is a baseline to deviate from. Semper Paratus!

Coast Guard Virtual Run by Russ Poppen

On March 10th, Flotilla 7-4 of San Antonio participated in the 2021 Virtual Half Marathon and 5K run/walk. This was the first named road race of the Coast Guard and the first virtual run by Flotilla 7-4. This is not the last chance to participate. While 2021 was a virtual event, 2022 will be a hybrid race. Hybrid in that both virtual and in-person runners will participate. Information can be





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found at coastguardrun.com. The 2022 in-person race will be held in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Both this and next year's event allows participants to complete the run in their own time and place. The event is USA Track-and-Field certified and is open to military and non-military competitors. Flotilla 7-4 encouraged this event as part of its recreation, moral and wellbeing efforts under the fellowship cornerstone. I had a blast getting out and completing the event. It was good to be out in the park and participate during this time of Covid-19. In addition, it was great way to enhance the already great flotilla fellowship. A big thanks to the 7-4 Flotilla and onward to next year.

Remember the USCG Auxiliary

Four Cornerstones:

Member Services
Recreational Boating Safety
Operations and Marine Safety
Fellowship



Core Values

Honor
Respect
Devotion to Duty

US Coast Guard Mission

The mission of the United States Coast Guard is to ensure our Nation's maritime safety, security, and stewardship.



US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Mission

Contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways, and coastal regions.



Coast Guard Motto

Semper Paratus is a Latin phrase, meaning "Always Ready."

Operations Outlook

Wings Over South Texas May 1st – 2nd

Training events needed! Send me your schedules.

Please contact d8crdivision7@gmail.com to add to the operations calendar or visit the [webform](#).

All operations events that will accommodate training shall be on the calendar.

One team, one fight!

All call for articles:

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