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Hello Shipmates:

Well, it's almost the 4th of July and for many river-boaters, the highwater of this spring has finally abated. And while many areas of the country still have problems because of record highwater on the Mississippi, we in the Twin Cities Metro Division thankfully, have finally gotten enough good weather to allow boating and boating related activities to begin.

But even before the water went down, we were engaged in a number of activities that we hope will help the District's priorities (Recruit, Restore and Respond) to move forward.

In early May, we had our Division meeting to set priorities in line with the District. Soon afterward, we recognized the importance of the National Safe-Boating Week by obtaining a Proclamation from Governor Timothy Walz. Our PA officer, Mr. Ron Fleetwood SO-PA, joined at the St. Anthony Dam with members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Park Service, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, our State Aux Liaison Officer, and the Minnetonka Power Squadrons, to recognize the importance of boating

safety for Minnesota.

We also started a number of training and obtaining qualifications activities to restore our folks. Two new PV certifications were gained for Flotilla 01 and one new VE member was qualified for Flotilla 02. And, we are grateful for the robust work of a number of other VE's at the SPYC in a division event. Additionally, Flotilla 08 had a member seeking and qualifying at a district C-school while. Also, at the same time, Flotillas 08 and 01 engaged five new candidates to begin process of joining their flotillas. And again, to help restore it's functionality, the division has obtained a newly qualified coxswain and two, newly qualified, boat crew members. This was possible only because of the growing partnership with Division 2 and Division 11. We have helped them their "Dragon Boat Festival" and they have helped us in providing a QE and facility to qualify our boat crew and coxswain.

Bravo Zulu to all members who participated and congratulations to the members with new qualifications. We've got a good start. Our next quarter will likely be our busiest. Let's keep on keepin' on! Well done Twin Cities Metro Division and, Semper Paratus!

