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On Saturday, 17 June 2023 the Elk Grove Regional Park in Elk Grove, CA played backdrop for area First Responders from multiple agencies who heeded the call to show their skills, services, and products. Police, Fire, Medical Canine, EMT and yes, the USCG-AUX were there. Our focus was Marine Safety, and water safety (as in PFDs). We were fortunate to have a vessel towed up there by two Goldside Shipmates from Station Rio Vista. Their boat and the tours they gave to eager children and parents alike made for a stellar day.

I want to thank my Silver Side Shipmates for making this day possible. First, Jeff Fite, FC of Flotilla 3-10, Joseph Heap his FSO-VE, R. Santos a new member of 3-10, and Hayley MacEndree of 3-5 the Youngest member of our Division but a Worker Bee par excellence. Finally, a thanks to our Goldside Shipmates MK2 Randalman and SN Gonzales from STA Rio Vista. Nice Crew Nice people. It doesn't get any better. I am honored to serve with them.



USCG-AUX Booth



Helping Hands



SETTING UP



H. McEndree
and R. Celia



SN Gonzales & R. Celia



Team Work



MCC

Glad they were! there



CHP The Good Guys



Protecting & Serving

THERE IS NO I IN THE WORD TEAM!

JUST DO IT !

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The highlight of Division 3's outreach from June 26-30 was a project with the United States Naval Sea Cadets, their Command Cadre, The United States Coast Guard, the United States Navy, and Civilian workers in 3 locations.

We taught 6 USNSC a super compressed version of the regular 13 week BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP course in 5 days. All were successful, all passed the California Supplement exam as well, and are now eligible to apply for the CA Boater Card. Their ages ranged from 14-17. The Cadets poise, discipline, attention to duty, and effort rivaled (and in some cases eclipsed) anything we have encountered from the Adult civilian groups we typically interact with. Activity took place at Hillside Christian School in Antioch, USCGSTAR Rio Vista, and at THE Military Ocean Terminal Concord (MOTCO). MOTCO's Tidal Area contains around 5 miles of shoreline and facilities for reception, staging, and loading of ammunition; railroad and truck classification yards; and three ocean terminal piers. Its purpose is to allow the Department of Defense operations plan for the Pacific Rim. It also has the capability to act as the strategic launch platform for the West Coast. Personnel are primarily civilians and contractors in support, as military personnel comprise just 5 percent of the loading. The exposure, learning curve, and experience for these 6 young people (and us) was in a phrase: AWESOME and then some! Thanks goes out to all of our Instructors who devoted up a considerable amount of their time and were super generous with these young men and one woman. Special credit to Don Anderson, DCDR for taking the lead. Bravo Zulus to all. **THERE IS NO I IN TEAM!**

USNSC: Josiah Condit, Jiannah DeGuzman, Ian Lerch, Maximilian Prado, Carson Smith, Brandon Tran

INSTRUCTORS: (AUX) Don Anderson, Georgie Scheuerman, John Hardin, Richard Celia, Steve Harrison, Linda Haynes, Lewis Derfuss. **(USCG)** Members of CGSTA Rio Vista, **(USN):** LT Austin Sutton, **(USNSC)** Jason Smith



Georgie Scheuerman
assisted by
Linda Haynes



Georgie Scheuerman
Don Anderson
Richard Celia



Lewis Derfuss



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Richard Celia



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Naval Sea Cadets



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John Hardin "Nav
King" STA RioVista



Steve Harrison
"Comms King"
STA Rio Vista



Some Very Special
Young People



WELL DONE!

JUST DO IT !