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“A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE” by Don Anderson, DCDR Division 113-03

Welcome aboard shipmates to yet another outstanding edition of the Valley Beacon and my “View from the Bridge” of the Division. Again I will be sharing my perspective on our Auxiliary activities as we travel familiar waters and chart new courses.

At the Change of Watch I laid out my charted course and objectives for 2022. They are **RECRUITING, RETENTION and REINVOLVEMENT**. Although the total number of members in the division has declined over the past few years, recruitment continues to improve, and we are rebuilding. BZ to those of you who have brought in new members. Keep up the good work.

Your focus must also be on **REINVOLVEMENT**. It is simply defined as “The situation of becoming involved again; to involve anew.” This must start with each of us remembering what drew us to the Auxiliary and why we joined in the first place. You haven’t lost that.... it’s just been forgotten due to changing and challenging times we’re all experiencing. Your **REINVOLVEMENT** begins with attending meetings, renewing, and refreshing your competencies, volunteering for scheduled activities with your flotilla, and joining in the fun fellowship activities. We are only as strong as our demonstrated involvement.

Always remember, you are part of the greatest volunteer lifesaving organization in the world, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. You are a member of **TEAM COAST GUARD**. Be proud. Be professional. Be involved and have fun.

“There are no great men, there are only great challenges that ordinary men are forced by circumstances to meet.”
FADM William F. Halsey

MAY 1 Parade of Boast Sac River SYC 1100 Hrs.
May 21 Baseball Sutter Health Park 1830 Hrs.
May 21-21 National Safe Boating Week Watch for announcements
June 11 Boat America Pub Ed Class SYC

HONOR

RESPECT

DEVOTION TO DUTY



I'm starving! Where is my food!!



AHH, Finally!!!



Well Done, Skipper!



A BLUE RIBBON EFFORT BZ



WHEN DOES HE SLEEP?



THE ATON MAN HIMSELF



GET 'ER DONE BOSS

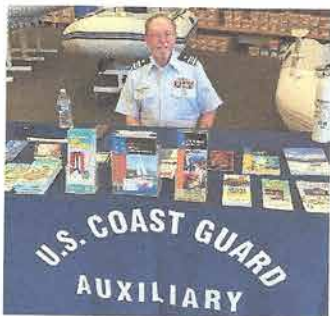


THERE ARE AWARDS AND THERE ARE AWARDS!



WELL DESERVED!!

AROUND DIVISION 13-03 THE PEOPLE THAT DO SO MANY GOOD THINGS FOR US ALL



JIM GOFF, DEALER VISITS



KEVIN SELLSTROM KING OF COMMS CONSUMNES RIVER



A WELL-DESERVED AWARD COMMUNICATIONS EXPERTISE IS CRITICAL



A GREAT MARINA, HOSTS, MEMBERS, AND NEED. THE WEATHER WASN'T BAD EITHER



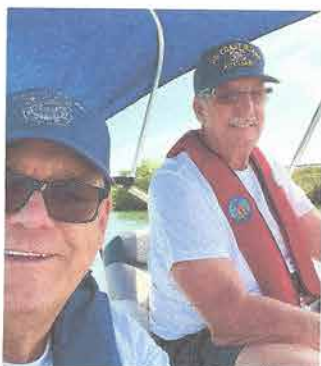
THE MEMBERS WERE WELCOMING. GOOD PEOPLE



MY GOAL: SAFE BOATING-ALWAYS



REAR COMODORE JAN LUCAS MY GRACIOUS HOST



NOT A PATROL BUT THE SAME RULES APPLY



SOMEONE'S HAVING A BAD DAY. JUST DOWN RIVER FROM THE PAINTERSVILLE BRIDGE

Auxiliarists, whether on a patrol, checking a bridge, spotting activity from the air, helping out at a trade show, conducting vessel exams, visiting with our network of Marine Dealers, attending an awards banquet, working a comms facility, teaching a class, cleaning up litter, participating in a parade or a solemn service, or acting as a force multiplier for our Gold Side Brothers and Sisters, must be ever mindful of the words of the Pledge we swore upon admission to our Organization: **"I solemnly and sincerely pledge myself to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and its purposes, to faithfully execute my duties, and to abide by the governing policies established by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard."**

Our appearance, conduct, and deportment reflect who we are. How we are perceived by the people we encounter whether we are in or out of uniform defines us. **HONOR RESPECT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY** are not just words, They are the core values that guide our actions. They give us a sense of purpose and pride. These three words define who we are, what we can be, and what we must be. In this way we will truly be a part of the greater Team-The United States Coast Guard.

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