

DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

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Division: 5 - San Pablo/Suisun Bay

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Flotilla 55 Change of Watch held on February 6, 2010.
- Marine Safety Observation Mission in Napa and Solano County.
- Patrol schedules to aid in coordinating boat crew training throughout the Division.
- Flotillas 51 and 55 members stood communication watches during Rescue 21 installation and testing.
- Member training in RBS and surface ops well underway.
- 9 safety and training patrols in January
- January issue of Delta Gateway newsletter available.
- Flotilla 52 performed a phone-tree call exercise.
- Flotilla 55 performed 99 program visits in January.
- Flotilla 57 received Contra Costa County Friend of Adult Education Award.

DETAILS

- Flotilla 55 held their Change of Watch on Saturday, February 6th at Negri's Restaurant in Occidental, CA. There were about 60 members who attended this event, including honored guests, Commander Jeff Good (Petaluma Training Center), Senior Chief Petty Officer Paul Gagnon (CGSTA Bodega Bay), and Angelo Perata (DCOS, D11NR).
- Several members of Flotillas 52 and 53 have conducted Marine Safety Observation Missions in Napa and Solano counties. Several additional members have also expressed interests in receiving necessary training.
- Each Flotilla has provided patrol schedules to aid in coordination of boat crew training throughout the Division. This will allow the trainees to train with several coxswains and aboard various facilities.
- One Flotilla 51 member stood watch on January 19th while the Mare Island high site antenna was deactivated for Rescue 21 testing. One Flotilla 55 member stood radio guard in Bodega Bay while Rescue 21 installed equipment at the Jenner high site.
- All Flotillas are getting busy with member training activities early in the year. Several members have completed their program visitation and vessel examiner qualification requirements and many are in process of training. Surface operation training (boat crew) is also well underway with handful of trainees preparing for the upcoming QE session in June.
- There were total of 9 safety/training patrols throughout the Division 5 AOR, including Bodega Bay, Petaluma River, San Joaquin and Sacramento River and Suisun Bay.

- January, Change of Watch edition of Division 5 newsletter, Delta Gateway, was distributed on January 31st and the copy is also available on Division 5 website.
- On February 8, Flotilla 52 established a phone tree call list and successfully conducted a call exercise. The rest of the Flotillas were also recommended to establish their phone tree call lists and conduct Flotilla call exercises.
- There were over 100 program visits in January throughout the Division, including 99 visits performed by Flotilla 55 PV team alone.
- Flotilla 57 received the California Council for Adult Education, Contra Costa County Friend of Adult Education Award, presented at Shadelands Art Center in Walnut Creek on February 11, 2010. This award is given to 3 recipients for contributions to adult education of significant value to the schools and the population of Contra Costa county.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Members from Flotilla 52 are communicating with the local Sea Scouts in further developing a working relationship in the boating community. Future plans include participation in joint training exercises and social events.
- Members from Division 5 is currently participating in joint trainings with Station Rio Vista on first and third Wednesdays of the month and with Station Bodega Bay on Friday evenings.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Division 5 Operation Training Exercise is scheduled for April 24-25, 2010. This will be a non-QE session training event weekend where the focus will be on surface operation training. Morning classroom sessions will include operation workshop, MOB, towing, search pattern drills, first-aid, hazwopper presentation. The afternoon underway sessions will include putting it all together, focusing on MOB, towing, and search and rescue. There will also be a flare shoot, by the Coast Guard Station personnel.