



Suisun Bay Division 5

Division Captain's Report May 2008

- All Flotillas should have completed the request for ID cards.
- Coxswain/Crew academy training has completed for this session. Many candidates attended the Division 5 Optrex and were qualified.
- Division OPTREX on April 19th & 20th at Station Vallejo was a great success as we had 12 members Qualified and re-certified. We had 40 members who attended the ops workshop, the 1 hr TCT workshop, and First Aid workshop. Station Vallejo active ask that we provide a safety officer and IPDC Bill Kinsey stepped up and began the sessions with a terrific Safety briefing. With the abundance of 8 QE's we were able to complete all tasks of training and qualifying on Saturday and skipped Sunday even though the Station active duty were still eager to assist. Once again a BBQ dinner was provided by the most outstanding Division 5 on Saturday evening. The Hamburgers & Hot Dogs were most excellent, compliments to the chef.
- During the OPTREX one of our training vessels was able to assist in a real SAR operation, which resulted in the saving of a Life.
- The Lake Berryessa assistance project is official now, as the Bureau of Reclamation and the Sheriffs Dept have verbally signed off on our presents. Curtis Han & Chuck McCarty have put together a Letter of intent to be presented to the Lake Officials. They are still seeking a communications spot.
- All Flotilla's have plans for various PA booths, Courtesy Vessel Exam Stations, and a Coast Guard Station open house. The emphasis is on "Life Jackets" and Kids Safety.
- Division 5 Flotilla's are again very busy in April. Safety patrols were out on various missions, Vessel exams were set up at 6 different marinas, 5 Public Affairs booth, 18 New member applications were taken, a Public Education class, and many Program Visitor visits were accomplished.

Flotilla Commanders' reports

FC 51 Christine Busse- Dohm

Vessel Examination: April was a busy month and a group met on April 19th at the Delta Marina in Rio Vista for Marina Day. The group was busy. In May the group plans to start the Chevron Vessel Examination workday. All boats in the marina need to be inspected annually.

National Safe Boating Week: The flotilla has been busy planning for April 17th. Prior to this day, the City of Vallejo, City of Benicia and City of American Canyon will be issuing letters of proclamation for National Safe Boating Week. I will be at all meetings excepting the letters.

On May 17th, we will have a safety booth and vessel examiners at the City Ramp of Vallejo starting at 1000. That evening we will move to the Vallejo USCG Station for a potluck dinner.

Optrx: Everyone who were up for QE at the Optrx passed their exams. The balance of the event was enjoyed. Too bad about the weather.

Kristine Busse-Dohm
Flotilla Commander 51

FC 52 Curtis Han:

AN - Received bridge and PATON sheets from division. We will verify these in May.

CS - Monthly updates and maintenance are being performed.

IS - All entries to AUXDATA has been made up to date.

MT - On March 29th, two boat crew trainees received dockside training at Optrex. One member served as crew during QE sign-offs. Sexual Harassment Prevention workshop was held after our flotilla meeting.

PA - There will be a 'Raising the Flag' ceremony at Sonoma Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Day, May 26th. Anyone interested in marching along representing the Coast Guard, please contact Felicia Pearce. General email announcement will be sent out. Boating Safety Materials will be passed out to Sonoma Presentation School to promote safe boating and life jacket wear.

PS - 11 members in Flotilla 52. 2 enrollment application packages were sent to DIRAUX.

PV - Total of 16 program visitors in March

VE - Total of 4 vessel safety checks in March. We scheduled a VSC day at Pleasure Cove Marina on May 14th to perform 20 to 30 vessels. This will be a joint program, part of the Lake Berryessa Boating Safety Task Force. Flotilla 52 and 53 will be participating.

END OF REPORT

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis Han, FC FL-52

FC 53 Chuck McCarty:

Summary report of month's activities.

Aids to Navigation – Materials received and distribute

Communications - DeltaNet is operating every Monday at 1900. We are interested in getting more participation from the division, and setting up some training, perhaps with RDF units.

Communications Services – No new activity

Information Services – All data entered and current

Marine Safety - Dock walker kits have been ordered.

Member Training – One member qualified for boat crew at the OPTREX, 1 member completed the 3 year requalification for Coxswain. AUXNAV exam scheduled in May. TCT Refresher completed at April flotilla meeting, Operations workshop scheduled for May meeting.

Operations – Patrols scheduled with Station Rio Vista in May and June. Operations plan for Berryessa task force completed and distributed for approvals. Patrols planned

Personnel Services - 7 prospective members in the works, actively recruiting for several more.

Program Visitor – Working with 2 marine dealers to set up boating safety classes. Establishing 2 new partners.

Public Affairs – Conducted PA booth at Suisun Marina is planned for the Suisun Blessing of the Fleet, May 3 – the flotilla will also participate in the Blessing of the Fleet parade. Additional booths scheduled during National Safe Boating Week, and 2 during June in conjunction with PWC and Wakeboarding demonstrations at Suisun Marina.

Publications – Next edition of *Delta Winds* is in preparation

Public Education – BS&S class completed. Next class in the works for June

Vessel Examinations – VE Stations scheduled for the 4th Sunday of each month at the Suisun launch ramp, Last station completed on 27 APR with 15 VE's completed. In conjunction with flotilla 52, VEs will be conducted on approximately 30 rental boats on Lake Berryessa in May.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chuck McCarty

FC 55 Ray Van Cleave

FSO –PV

The RBSPV team was quite busy in February with 155 Program Visits and 6 new Partners. They continue to promote our PE program by distributing flyers for the upcoming GPS for Mariners Class in April.

FSO-VE

During February, 4 CFVE, 1 VSC, 5 UPV, and 1 Facility Inspection were completed. One member took and passed the VE test at the PCA Training Fair and will join the team soon.

FSO-OP

Flotilla 55 continues to support Station Bodega Bay with Wednesday training patrols twice a month. Additionally, we had one additional patrol during February.

FSO-PA

We will be manning a booth at the Santa Rosa Boat, RV and Sport Show on April 4, 5, and 6. We will also man a booth at the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival on April 12 and 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray G. Van Cleave

FC57 Jim Blackburn:

Highlights of the Mar. 2008 meeting:

- **Sexual Harassment Workshop given by Mike Taylor.**
- **Awards were presented to those in attendance.**
- **Appointed new FSO-SR to new member Robert Miller to be effective upon membership approval by DIRAUX.**
- **The Budget Committee has not in attendance therefore no budget for 2008 review – Tabled until May meeting.**
- **2008 Goals - review - Tabled until May meeting.**
- **OPTREX report on activities and congrats to those certified/recertified**
- **ABC class completed – 12 students**
- **IS input still a problem again – no access!**

Blackburn to 'C' School 5 May in Miami

- **Operations – Flotilla will not be participating in Wed. training sessions at Sta. Rio Vista.**
- **PE: Nav and GPS class starts 30 April.**
- **NSB week VSC at Martinez and Pittsburgh Ramps, & Nordic Tug Club VSC**
- **Dock walker program discussed.**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Blackburn
Flotilla Commander 57**

**Respectfully submitted,
Phil Sanchez DCP 5**