

As District 5 Executive Officer I have enjoyed my time on the bridge. Fortunately, I did not have to sit in for our commander as is one of the assigned duties if needed. But as the public liaison officer there were enough other things to keep me busy plus what was assigned to me.

The monthly bridge calls and the squadron commanders calls were equally enlightening. There are so many things that our squadrons get involved with that it would be hard to keep up with it all. I guess that's something I should think about for the new bridge.

The Boat Shows fall in the Exec. Branch. I can't wait to work with Denise and the new bridge to see how we might be more effective working as a District to create a new presence at the shows and to find ways to recruit folks to come find out about what we do and what we can offer them.

We currently don't have a marketing committee but it's another area under the Executive Officer that we could consider to see how we can better get our message out to the boating public.

The Vessel Safety checks remain a major positive for us. It represents a service that we perform that is a major benefit to boaters that receive the inspection but also to all others out on the water. We have some truly dedicated people performing this service and I thank them.

It's an honor when we get asked to represent District 5 at a squadron function or Change of Watch. This is also part of the job description and is a great way to connect with District members. Of course, the participation in awards ceremonies is always a welcome way to recognize someone's outstanding achievements and also that of the squadrons.

Commander, this concludes my report.  
Ralph Leasure, District XO