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From: D/Lt/C Charles Wells, SN

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Subject: District Executive Officer Report to 2023 Spring Conference

The District 5 Executive Department continues to engage and connect with other boating organizations.

We encourage all members to consider becoming a vessel safety examiner. It is an excellent opportunity to engage with the public and promote safety at the same time. Several squadrons have participated in joint events to conduct checks in their local areas. We conducted 2146 checks in 2022 with 127 VE's. This is slightly less than last year but still an impressive number.

Another program that is enjoying a resurgence is the Cooperative Charting Program. Several squadrons have conducted Coop Charting programs and our participation rate is impressive. For 2022, three D5 members were cited on the Honor Roll: Dick Radlinski, Kent Narrows (9th in US), Ron Ricketts, Annapolis, and John Locke, Kent Narrows. The Kent Narrows was listed on the national Honor Roll for squadrons. We encourage all squadrons/clubs to participate in this program.

CPR and first aid are an important part of our focus on safety. All squadrons and clubs should consider teaming with a local provider from the American Red Cross or American Heart Association to educate our members on these essential topics.

In marketing, District 5, in cooperation with the Henry Sweet Trust, is working to advertise our organization in the Chesapeake Bay magazine. Specific ads will be included in the print and online editions of the this popular regional publication. We encourage our squadrons and clubs to attempt advertising at the local level through magazines and newspapers.

Respectfully Submitted,
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