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From: James H. Cornell Jr., DCP 18 (1SR)
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Via: Harvey Miller, RCO-GruMor (1SR)
Subject: 11 SEPTEMBER - DIVISION CAPTAINS BRIEFING

1. We are planning our next "Underway Navigation Drill" for Saturday, 18 September with a rain date of Sunday, 19 September. The main emphasis, as the name implies, will be to test the navigational skills of both Coxswain and Crew underway. The exercise will take place in the Great Peconics, because of the large area and the depth of the water. The Navigational Exercise will be plotted by each Coxswain with the assistance of the crews. A pre-event meeting will be needed to solidify this exercise. We will supply all pertinent information for this exercise. More information will come down shortly.
2. Division 18 Honor Guard is doing well. I have appointed Ralph George as my second in command. Members of the HG are Ralph George, Tom Cruickshank, MaryJo Cruickshank, Tisha Bouboulis, Rich Robertson, Paul Montagni, Henry Landis and Greg Sarafin. The purpose is to prepare us for Various Ceremonies and Parades that might come up. I expect the first use of the HG will be at the Division COW.
3. All Flotillas have offered multiple boating safety courses and are scheduling additional classes throughout the Division. We have already increased the number of classes and the number of graduates over last year. We are expected to double last year's statistics.
4. Our VE Program is going well. So far we have 4 additional Vessel Examiners division wide and a number of VSC Stations planned and completed. Additional stations are being planned through out the division.
5. We have one more member joining Station Shinnecock support team, Joe Talentino. Joe will be working in the Engineering Department.
6. Currently we have 1 person nearing completion for CG Boat Crew, John Vlcek and one more starting the program, Lou Chrisomalis.
7. We also have 1 watchstanders, Rick Robinson, at Station Shinnecock that is nearing completion his qualifications. Our long standing watchstander, Henry Landis, has been doing most of the training.

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8. On Tuesday, 27 July we held our second round table discussion with both Division and Flotilla staff for Public Affairs and Public Educations. This meeting was as successful as our first one last year for Vessel Exams and Marine Visitors. One more is being planned before the year ends, PATONS.
9. Fingerprinting has been going well. All flotillas were visited at least twice so far. Other plans are being made to complete this process. So far we have completed about 75% - 80% of the division.
10. Division 18 completed a training exercise with the Air National Guard and Station Shinnecock on Saturday, 7 August.
11. I am looking into 2 additional workshops before year end. Some topics might include Electronics in PE, Leadership and Management, Interviewing potential new members, or Motivation skills. The only limit is our imagination.
12. I appointed Hal Adkins as our new editor / SO-PB of the CLAMDIGGER II. Our next issue is scheduled for 1 September. All articles should go to Hal for the next edition of the CLAMDIGGER II. Flotilla Commanders are urged to submit an article on behalf of their Flotilla.
13. Team Coordinated Training (TCT) is completed for the year. Next year we will need to conduct another class. We have 13 members that will be in their 5th year. This doesn't include those that are going into the Boat Crew that haven't taken it yet.
14. Since this will be my last report to the District Board as Division 18's Captain, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and this opportunity to serve as Division Captain. This has been a great experience. I would also like to thank my Wife and Vice Captain, Debbie Cornell for all her support, and behind the scene work she has done.

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