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District Eleven Northern Region
Division 12 – East Bay Neptune
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Division Commander's Report

Date: 03 AUG 2018

To: Comodore Wally Smith
Mary Kirkwood, Chief of Staff
Dean McFarren, District Captain
Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR
D11N Board and Staff

From: Virginia Luchetti, DCDR 113-12

Highlights:

1. Honor Guard at Novato July 4th Parade
2. July 4th Fireworks Patrol
3. 8 July - Navigation Systems Patrol
4. 10 July - Semper Paratus Club presentation at 12-01 Flotilla Meeting
5. 15 July – Flotilla 12-01 participates in Division 6 patrol
6. 18 July – Flotilla 12-01 conducts ABS class
7. 19 July – Flotilla 12-01 takes Coastie to Hugs Hangout
8. 21 July – Flotilla 12-91 conducts GPS for Mariners and trains two new instructors
9. 21 July – Flotilla 12-01 participates in Lake Merritt Boating Center Open House
10. 27-29 July – Semper Paratus Club participates in FEMA/TEEX training at San Jose National Guard Armory
11. 29 July – SO-MS conducts first Ferry Boat Audits
12. 29 July – Flotilla 12-91 supports wind-surfing patrols near Golden Gate Bridge

Semper Paratus Updates:

- The new Semper Paratus Club at San Francisco State University will be called Gator Semper Paratus Club
- Semper Paratus members attended FEMA/TEEX training at San Jose National Guard Armory 27-29 July. In this training, participants learned victim marking color code risk assessment, risk management, team communication, disaster preparedness and search and rescue techniques used in hazardous conditions. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) a contract to provide all of the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) training for the National US&R Response System.
- Semper Paratus members, Winnie Zhou and Steven Hilt, along with their mentor, Robert Clark, will be attending the U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary National Conference from August 23rd to August 26th at Orlando, Florida.



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Details and Photos

July 4th Novato Parade

Rick and Georgie Scheuerman and Chester Bartalini of Division 12 marched with Michael Mitchell and Steve Bustin in the Novato July 4th parade.



July 4th Fireworks patrol

From Flotilla 12-91, Jim Losi, Rich Martinez, Greg Gleeson and Virginia Luchetti assisted with the July 4th Fireworks Safety patrol. Here's a photo of the fireworks barge and Rich Martinez as lookout on Aux Vessel, Servant.





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Photo credit: Greg Gleeson



From left to right: Greg Gleeson, Virginia Luchetti, Jim Losi, Rich Martinez

Navigation Systems Patrol

On 8 July, Aid Verifiers, Jim Losi, John Bogert and Virginia Luchetti, assisted by Aid Verifier Trainee Greg Gleeson, checked the new floating and dock buoys at the WETA (Water Emergency Transit Authority) terminal near the Hornet. We also checked Oakland 7th Street and the Oakland Shallow Water Beacons.



Aid Verifier, Virginia Luchetti
on Aux Vessel Servant



Aid Verifier trainee, Greg Gleeson



Flotilla 12-01 Meeting 10 July

Under Doug Beckstein's excellent leadership, Flotilla 12-01 is flourishing. Semper Paratus and Auxiliary members, Winnie Zhou and Steven Hilt presented information about the Semper Paratus Club to all flotilla members.



12-01 FSO-DV Steven Hilt and FSO-PA Winnie Zhou



12-01 FSO-DV Steven Hilt speaking to members at the Flotilla meeting



12-01 Flotilla Commander, Doug Beckstein demonstrates the Life Jacket PA banner



Division 12 SO-HR Felita Clark receives a well-deserved award at the Flotilla meeting

Santa Cruz Patrol

On 15 July, Doug Beckstein, Flotilla Commander 12-01, drove to Santa Cruz to go on patrol with District 11N Commodore, Wally Smith. Here's a photo of Doug at the helm of Wally's Aux Facility, C.R.A.F.T. Moment.





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Coastie at Hugs Hangout

Flotilla 12-01 held a Coastie event at the pre-school, Hugs Hangout on July 19th. Pat McSwain was able to educate the kids ages 2 to 6 about water safety while Steven Hilt gave the kids a demonstration on how to wear a life jacket. David Dequeria transported and operated Coastie for this event.



Lake Merritt Boating Center Open House 21 July





Semper Paratus Members participate in FEMA/TEEX training

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Steven Hilt, Flotilla 12-01 FSO-DV
attends FEMA training



Winnie Zhou, Flotilla 12-01 FSO-PA
attends FEMA training

Division 12 SO-MS conducts Ferry Vessel audits 29 July



Division 12 SO-MS Quindy Sammler conducting
Ferry Vessel Audit – Blue and Gold Fleet



Kite-Surfer Patrol – Golden Gate Bridge – 29 July

Division 12 supports the efforts of Division 1 with the kite-surfer patrols near the Golden Gate Bridge. We went out on Aux Vessel, Silver Charm. We assisted one kite-surfer who had lost his board. We were able to retrieve the board and get it back to him.



Division Commanders Michael Mitchell and Virginia Luchetti on the dock at Station Goden Gate



Pete Gorenberg (Division 1) on the back deck of Silver Charm keeping an eye on the kite-surfer getting reunited with his board

Projects:

- Complete remaining Delta PATON verifications. Delta Navigation System patrol scheduled for Saturday 3 August
- Division 12 DCDR and VCDR elections will be held Thursday, 27 September
- Division Change of Watch luncheon will be held Saturday, 8 December. The event will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Danville. It is hoped that this will be a combined COW for the Division and the three Division 12 Flotillas.
- Conduct research regarding creating an Auxiliary University Program at San Francisco State University
- Young Marines ABS class will be held 11 August at YBI

Challenges/Obstacles ("3 Downs"):

- 7029 data entry continues to lag



Agency and Organization Interaction:

- Town of Danville
- FEMA
- Young Marines

Progress Toward Goals

(green highlight indicates goal achieved):

Item	2018 Goals	Progress to Date
Division 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Mentor Program • Successful 2018 OPTREX • Improve 7029 Reporting 	Continued focus on Mentor program Successful OPTREX completed
Aviation	Not yet established	
Diversity	Not yet established	
Public Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 Graduates of ABS and GPS courses • 3,000 youth attending Boating Safety • Qualify 2 new instructors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 109 ABS and GPS graduates • 933 youth attendees • 3 new instructors qualified
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualify 3 new TCOs • Participate in Div 12 OPTREX (ACV) • Increase operational hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 new TCO qualified • Participation in Div 12 OPTREX
Member Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Crew and Coxswain Academy • Qualify 2 new Coxswains • Qualify 4 new Boat Crew 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy completed • 4 new boat crew qualified
Marine Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SO-MS to be qualified as Ferry Boat Auditor • Establish regular distribution of Dockwalker kits • SO-MS to attend as many PA events as possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Ferry training completed • SO-MS attended PA event - Open House Lake Merritt
Navigation Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete all assigned bridges by April 30 • Complete all assigned PATONS by August 31 • Quality 2 new Aid Verifiers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new Aid Verifiers qualified • All bridges completed • 138 PATONS completed
Vessel Safety Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 VSCs • 3 new VEs qualified 	174 VSCs completed Two new VEs qualified
Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet monthly with FSO-HRs 	
Public Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 events with Semper Paratus Club (City College of San Francisco) • San Ramon Art and Wind Festival • Cherry Festival • Veterans Day Parade • 2 events at Lake Merritt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Ramon Art and Wind • Oakley Life Jacket give away • City of San Ramon NSBW Proclamation • Two events held by Semper Paratus Club • Lake Merritt Open House • Hugs Hangout Boating Safety for kids (Coastie)