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

Date: 31 AUG 2018

To: Comodore Wally Smith
Mary Kirkwood, Chief of Staff
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D11N Board and Staff

From: Virginia Luchetti, DCDR 113-12



Sad News

Division 12 lost one of our most treasured members in August. It is with the deepest sorrow that I report Randy Parent crossing the bar. Randy was very involved in and an important leader of the Auxiliary Air Program. His ever present enthusiasm and high level of motivation were beyond impressive. He was an integral part of the Air Safety Program, and he spoke frequently at trainings and Squadron dinners. Outside the Auxiliary, he was passionate about historic military vehicles and was an expert on military aircraft. He was the driving spirit behind a vintage cross country historic military vehicle trek. Whenever Randy attended a flotilla meeting, he filled the room with enthusiasm, positivity and friendship. We will miss you, Randy.

Highlights:

1. 3 AUG – Conducted towing exercises at Marina Bay Yacht Harbor
2. 4 AUG – Delta PATON patrol
3. 4 AUG – Land Based Mobile ATON patrol with DSO-NS Jim Duncan
4. 8 AUG – Helo OPS with Silver Charm
5. 11 AUG – Flotilla 12-91 conducts ABS class
6. 11 AUG – Flotilla 12-91 conducts ABS class on YBI for Golden Gate Young Marines
7. 11 AUG – Flotilla 12-91 supports AuxAir observation flight to Camarillo
8. 12 AUG - MOM patrol Raccoon Strait
9. 18 AUG – Coxswain training patrol working on search patterns
10. 25 AUG – Flotilla 12-01 conducts boating safety training at Alameda West Marine
11. 25 AUG – Sailing lesson patrol
12. 25 AUG – Flotilla 12-01 picnic
13. 26 AUG – Sailing lesson patrol



Details and Photos

Two-boat towing exercise training – August 3rd

QE Paul Vervenoitis and his wife, Kristen, joined several Flotilla 12-91 members at Marina Bay Yacht Harbor for towing training exercises. Big thanks to Paul for his excellent coaching and instruction.



John Bogert and Georgie Scheuerman prepare for the next towing evolution



Virginia Luchetti at the helm and Kristen Vervenoitis at the bow



Georgie Scheuerman and Ron Ouimette inspect the tow lines



Rick Scheuerman, Steve Kakihara and Ron Ouimette attend patrol briefing



Delta PATON patrol August 4th.

Division 12 is assigned the task of verifying 35 private aids to navigation (PATONs) in the west delta. The list of PATONs includes site lights around Sherman Island, mooring buoys in Horseshoe Bend and the Pittsburg Maina Lights. Jim Losi and Virginia Luchetti conducted the PATON verification aboard Richard Martinez's boat, Millie.



Delta Diablo Outfall Lighted Buoy showing some apparent damage from impact with vessel



Rich Martinez and Jim Losi aboard Millie



Aux Vessel Millie looking good at the dock and Rich Martinez at the helm





Land Based Mobile Navigation Systems Patrol with DSO-NS Jim Duncan – August 4th
Jim Losi had a chance to conduct Aid Verifying with the expert

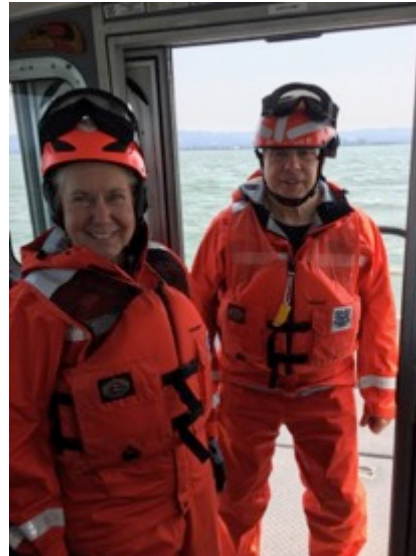


DSO-NS Jim Duncan

Helo Ops aboard Silver Charm August 8th
Flotilla 12-91 member supports Helo Ops patrol aboard Silver Charm



From the left: Herman Haluza, Virginia Luchetti, Terry Blanchard and Wally Smith on the back deck of Silver Charm



Virginia Luchetti and Terry Blanchard geared up and ready to work with helicopter and rescue swimmers



Flotilla 12-91 presents About Boating Safely Class August 11th

Andrea Cuppoletti teaching About Boating Safely at the Fire Protection District Offices in San Ramon



Flotilla 12-91 works with Gold Side on Yerba Buena Island to present About Boating Safely to 66 Golden Gate Young Marines – August 11th

Under Flotilla Commander Greg Olsen's excellent direction, Flotilla 12-91 organized an About Boating Safely class for the Golden Gate Young Marines at Yerba Buena Island since 2016. The Young Marines is a Marine Corps themed youth organization analogous to the more well-known US Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Young Marines ages range from 9 to 17.

Based on past experience with the GGYM event, we began working on this months in advance, lining up Gold Side participants, ordering teaching materials, finding instructors, getting access through gate security, working with the Galley, and printing certificates of completion.

The Young Marines were fed at the Galley at YBI and Chief Boatswain Matt Skinner, XPO of Station San Francisco, provided crew for two RBMs to get underway with Young Marines. Additionally, Station San Francisco provided BMs, MKs and non-rates to teach Young Marines at dockside heaving line/marlinspike stations and teach the P6 dewatering pump outside the maintenance bay at Station San Francisco.





Flotilla 12-91 supports Aux Air Coastal Observation Mission – August 11th

Air Crew Stan Douglas and Air Observers Greg Gleeson and Gene Pasqual assisted Hal Seibert on an observation mission to Camarillo. Virginia Luchetti had the privilege of being a guest onboard for the day.



From the left, Gene Pasqual, Hal Seibert, Greg Gleeson, Stan Douglas and Virginia Luchetti



Greg Gleeson as Air Observer



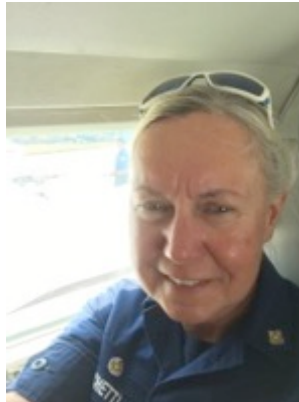
Gene Pasqual



Gene Pasqual as Air Observer



Stan Douglas at the controls



Virginia enjoying the ride



MOM patrol aboard Aquamarine August 12th

Michael Mackin, Quindy Sammler, Rick Pisis, Greg Gleeson and Virginia Luchetti conducted a MOM Patrol in Raccoon Strait. During the patrol, the crew trained on how to respond to “what if...” situations including steering casualty and a disabled coxswain. All aboard enjoyed lunch at Angel Island after fueling up in Sausalito.



Michael Mackin photographer and Quindy Sammler at the helm



Quindy at the helm with Virginia standing by. Michael Mackin as lookout, Virginia presenting a “life jacket” t-shirt to a young girl who was wearing her life jacket on the dock at Angel Island.



Back at the dock in Marina Bay, we saw a bat ray near the dock.

Crew and Coxswain Training August 18th

Jim Losi, Greg Olsen, Quindy Sammler and Steve Bustin practiced search patterns on Aux Vessel Servant. Here are photos of Greg and Quindy at the helm.



Photo to the left: Jim Losi timing search pattern legs while Quindy drives



Flotilla 12-01 conducts Public Affairs and Public Education event at West Marine in Alameda – August 25th

Quindy Sammler and Doug Beckstein answered questions for inquiring West marine customers and gave out various boating safety literature. Since this event, Quindy has arranged to set up a PA table once a month.



Division 12 SO-MS Quindy Sammler with Neil Fraser, store manager



Division 12 SO-MS Quindy Sammler and Flotilla 12-01 Commander Doug Beckstein with West Marine staff



Division 12 SO-MS Quindy Sammler and 12-01 FC Doug Beckstein



Quindy talking about boating safety with a young boater.



Sailing lessons during patrols August 25 and 26

Some of the regular Aquamarine crew requested sailing lessons to increase their competency and confidence while out on patrol. On Saturday, August 25th, Rick Pision, Greg Gleeson and Stephen Busch learned about the various lines that control the sails and how to hoist the mainsail. They also learned about the points of sail and sail trim. After taking a short break for lunch, we went out to the end of Potrero Reach and each crew member learned how to execute a tack. On Sunday, August 26th, the sailing lesson was repeated with Michael Mackin, Greg Olsen and Greg Gleeson. During the patrol debriefing, several crew mentioned how sailing was a team effort and how much they enjoyed the sailing lessons as a team building event.



Stephen Busch, Greg Gleeson and Rick Pision sailing Aquamarine



Stephen Busch, Greg Gleeson



Virginia Luchetti



Stephen Busch



Greg Olsen and Michael Mackin



Michael Mackin



Greg Olsen

Flotilla 12-01 fellowship picnic Saturday, August 25th

The Flotilla 12-01 picnic was held at Lake Merritt. Family members were invited to attend and food was brought by various families. The picnic was a huge success because families were invited and attended. Bravo Zulu to Pat McSwain and Doris Marx.



Chester Bartalini cooking burgers



Vivian McBride with her children



From the left: Jordan, Kyla, Ryan, Quindy and her husband, Scott



JC Caianiello, Kevin Bhardwaj and Doug Beckstein on ukulele



Projects:

- Complete remaining Delta PATON verifications. Night land Navigation System patrol scheduled for Thursday 6 September
- 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

Challenges/Obstacles (“3 Downs”):

- 7029 data entry continues to lag

Agency and Organization Interaction:

- Golden Gate 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 two Ferry training audits completed • SO-MS attended PA event – Open House Lake Merritt • SO-MS attended PA event at West Marine
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 • 142 PATONS completed
Vessel Safety Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 VSCs • 3 new VEs qualified 	276 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) • Alameda West Marine